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Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We start this week, by introducing our Head Boy and Head Girls for 2023-2024



... and supporting them in their role, this year, here are our elected prefects

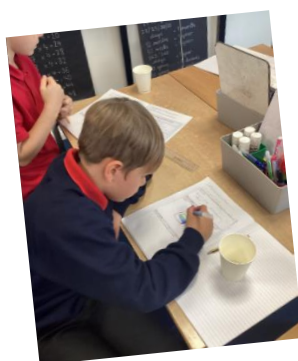


We know that you are all going to do a fantastic job this year and will be a credit to your families and the school.

Year 4 Design and Technology

The children in Year 4 have been busy making 'energy packed' smoothies, this week. Their smoothies included lots of different energy rich ingredients, such as oatmeal, avocado, cucumber, turmeric, spinach to name a few, which they had researched during the design process,.

I think you will agree that the smoothies look amazing but there were some mixed reviews from the children, when it came to taste testing 😊



Reading Aspirations



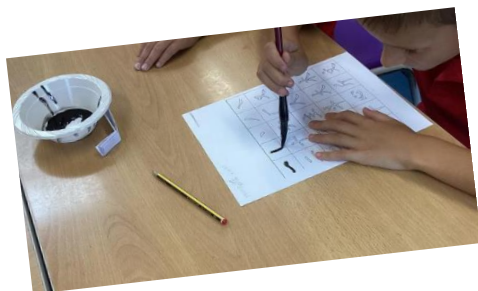
Thank you to those parents and carers, who have been helping their children keep up with their reading at home. It has such a positive impact on the children's progress, in school.

2RA have been working very hard on their reading at home so they can come into school and regularly complete their quizzes on Accelerated Reader. They have even been setting targets for the amount of words that they need to read in total and are currently on 130,730 words!

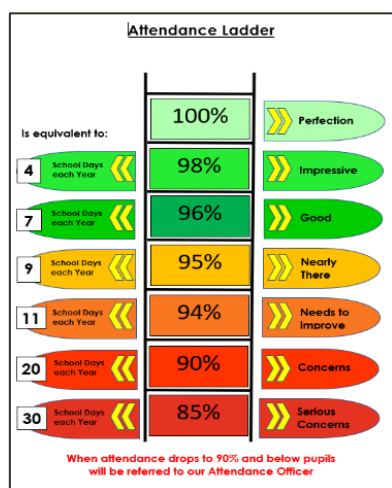
Their next target is 190,000 words. We know you will smash this in no time!

Tendring Youth Ambassador Programme

Year 6 had a visit from Simone, as part of this year's Tendring Young Ambassadors Programme. During her visit, she taught the class about Chinese culture and the children were able to try out some Chinese calligraphy, making Dragon Boat Festival cards.



Attendance



Our attendance still needs to improve, as we have taken a further dip from last week to 94.3%.

As you can see from all of the photographs above, we have lots of fantastic learning opportunities happening in school every day – please don't let your child miss out, if they are well enough to be in school. Here's the link again, if you are unsure about whether or not to keep your child at home [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-your-child-at-home/)

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. You can find a copy of our policy on the [website](#).

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'.

3.10pm opening from Monday 9th October



Acting on feedback from parents and carers and school staff, **from Monday 9th October**, we are going to be making a slight change to the time we open the school gates at the end of the day. Instead of opening at 3.05pm we will be opening the gates at **3.10pm** so that the children are ready to be released, as soon as parents and carers arrive. We will then lock the gates at **3.20pm** instead of 3.15pm.

Secondary School Applications (Y6 Pupils)

Here's another reminder that the secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023. This is specifically for parents and carers of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024. Please be aware that **the statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2023**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions Mrs Spall and Mrs Levy will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

PTA Christmas Market

We are really excited to announce that the PTA will be running our first ever Christmas Market, here at Cann Hall Primary School, on **Friday 15th December, from 2pm until 5pm**.

This will be an outdoor event and the PTA are hoping to attract lots of different stall holders, in order to make the event a success.

If you are interested in running a stall at this event, the cost of a pitch will be £15.

www.pta-events.co.uk/foch

info@friendsofcannhall.co.uk



Active Essex – Free Half Term Holiday Clubs



You can still 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 eligible.

WARMS Surveys

WARMS are the **Wellbeing and Resilience Mental Health Service**, run by Mid and North East Essex Mind. They work closely with schools to support school staff and parents.

WARMS are very interested in understanding what parents and carers feel they want more support and understanding around, as they plan for the upcoming year. They have asked us to share this link <https://forms.gle/jMpoAi45F9Qt2gdt6> to a survey so they can use your responses to shape your child/ young person's school/college's approach to mental health. The closing date for completion of this survey is **17.11.2023**

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is the **10th October** and the theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is '**mental health is a universal human right**'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. It's also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling.



For more information and tips follow this link [World Mental Health Day 2023 | Mental Health Foundation](#)

PTA Annual General Meeting

Still 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. Please let the PTA know in advance if you plan to attend, by using the reply slip included in the letter.

Online Safety at Home

Here's the link again for our on-line safety page of our website [Cann Hall Primary School - Online Safety at home \(compassps.uk\)](#), you will find lots of links to information for parents and carers to help support your children with staying safe online. You will also find a whole range of useful guides related to FaceBook, Roblox, Instagram, Netflix to name but a few.

Also here's the NSPCC link again, to a guide they have produced all about Roblox, to help you decide whether this is safe for your child. [Is Roblox safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)

Tours of the School – September 2024 EYFS Intake

Mrs Smith is offering tours of the school, to those parents and carers who are interested in applying for a space for their child to start here at Cann Hall with us, next September.

The dates available are:

Tuesday 10th October – 3.30-4.00pm

Tuesday 7th November – 3.30-4.00pm

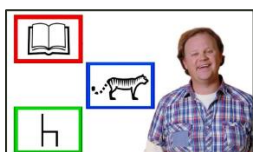
Tuesday 5th December – 4.00-4.30pm



If you are interested, please contact the school office on either 01255 420603 or chcontact@compassps.uk to book a place. School Applications need to be made to **Essex Admissions between 6th November 2023 and 15th January 2024.**

Makaton – Sign of the Week

Click here to learn the 'Sign of the Week' [Grandmother \(makaton.org\)](https://www.makaton.org)



If you want to find out more about Makaton, please click on these links [What is Makaton? - About Makaton](#) and [What is Makaton? - CBeebies - BBC](#)

School Discos

Don't forget the school discos are back. Have you book your tickets yet?

Three discos have been organised, by the PTA on:

Monday 16th October

EYFS, Y1 and Y2 at 3.10pm

Y3 and Y4 at 4.20pm

Y5 & Y6 at 5.30pm



Book your tickets early so as to avoid disappointment via www.pta-events.co.uk/foch . A reminder that **booking closes at 3pm on Thursday 12th October**.

Please ensure you select the correct event, when booking. The full sized posters can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Free McDonald's Fun Football Sessions



Our School is close to a Fun Football Centre (Clacton Leisure Centre) and they are offering completely **free, one hour fun football sessions for children aged 5-11**.

The fun football programme was launched in 2018 and is a free initiative dedicated to promoting inclusivity and accessibility in the world of football. Football Development East are proud coaching partners of McDonald's Fun Football.

For more details simply search 'McDonald's Fun Football' or drop them an email at info@fdeonline.co.uk

Upcoming dates for your diary

16.10.2023: PTA GLOW 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 wear something spotty (funds raised split with the PTA)

13.12.2023: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunches

14.12.2023: KS2 Christmas Lunches

15.12.2023: KS2 Christmas Service at St. John's Church leaving school @ 9.15am- spaces for up to 100 parents

15.12.2023: PTA Christmas Market from 2pm

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- Y1 parents @9.30am and Y2 parents @11.00am

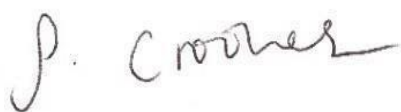
20.12.2023: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas parties- raising money for Save the Children and the PTA

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes

Glow Disco

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA
years 5 and 6

Monday 16th October 5.30-6.30

£5

Price includes entry, drink, snacks and glow face paint

No phones or coats please

Book your tickets now via
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If you have any problems please contact FOCH at
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Please ensure you
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Glow Disco

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA
years 3 and 4

Monday 16th October 4.20-5.20

£5

Price includes entry, drink, snacks and glow face paint

No phones or coats please

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Glow Disco

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA
reception, years 1 and 2

Monday 16th October 3.10-4.10

£5

Price includes entry, drink, snacks and glow face paint

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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

☐

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.](#)

