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Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am sorry to have to start this week's newsletter with a worrying matter.

On regular occasions, we have had numerous concerns brought to us, by parents and carers and the wider community regarding the safety of our children and families, at drop off and pick up times.

It is being reported to us that certain parents and carers are regularly seen parking and pulling up directly outside the school on the zig zag and double yellow lines, at restricted times, i.e. drop off and pick up times.

It is illegal to park on the zig zag and double yellow lines for good reason and it is especially more important that we all abide by these rules as the darker, wetter mornings and afternoons draw in and visibility is reduced.

So before I move on to celebrate all the wonderful things that have been happening in school this week and before there is an awful accident, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE avoid parking outside the school, at these busy times, in the future.** If you do notice that this is still happening, please can you help us by reporting this offence to the relevant authorities.

Finally, if you want to find out more about these parking restrictions please click here [is it illegal to park on zig-zag lines outside schools? \(driving.co.uk\)](https://driving.co.uk/illegal-to-park-on-zig-zag-lines-outside-schools/)

Girls' Football Success



The Year 5 and Year 6 girls' football team attended a district tournament on Tuesday afternoon. They were one of 16 schools in the competition and played brilliantly throughout, representing the school admirably. The girls won their group, winning two games and drawing one game meaning they progressed to the semi-final. Unfortunately, in the semi-final they did everything apart from score a goal and lost 1-0 to the eventual winners, Kirby. The girls did, however, play a third place playoff match and won 2-1 to secure a **bronze medal**, which they took home and wore with pride.

A huge well done to all the girls and a big thank you to Mr AB, who organised this event and another big thank you to Hannah Rose's dad, who gave up his afternoon, to help Mr AB at this tournament. I am sure we will be defending our league title this year!

Busy, busy, busy

The children in EYFS have been practising letter formation in lots of different forms, such as on the interactive whiteboard and with water painting. They have been building models in the construction and are using number blocks to help them with their subitising (instantly recognising a number of objects, without having to count them) and in PE they worked in pairs to practise chest passes and underarm passes.



Science Investigations

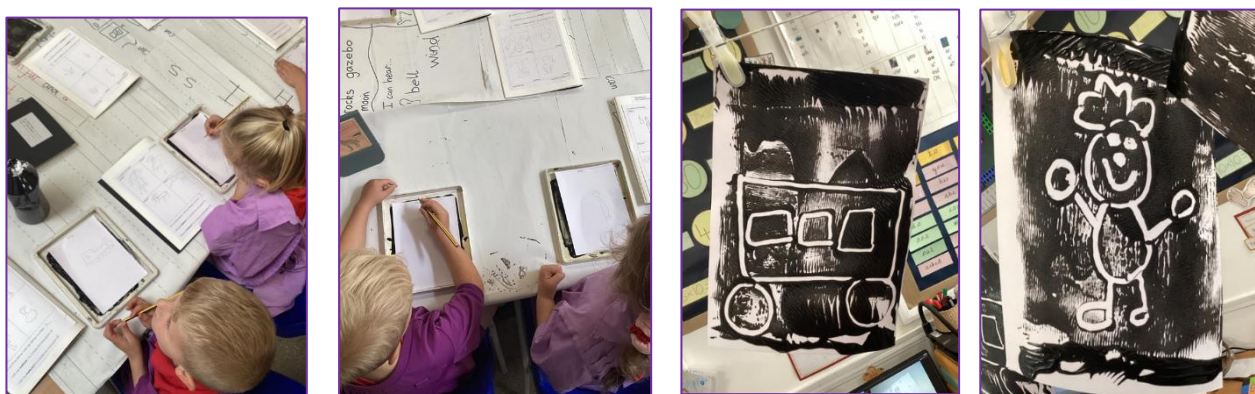
5HH have been investigating friction by testing vehicles on different surfaces.



Year One Snap Shot

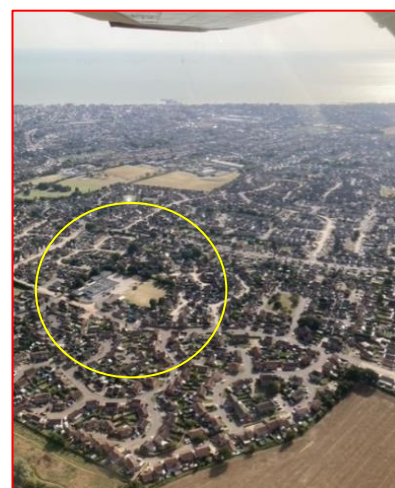


Year One have been learning to play 'Hey You!' on the glockenspiels, this week.



And they have been creating monoprints of their favourite toys, based on Picasso's line drawings.

Flying High



At the weekend, Joe was lucky enough to go on a flight experience around Clacton and he absolutely loved it. The pilot was great, letting him take full control of the steering, numerous times, which he did with great confidence.

Joe's mum told us that one of the places he wanted to fly over was the school. Can you spot us in the photograph she took, as they flew over us?



Super Start

Stefan joined a local football team recently and is already scoring goals. FC Clacton Blues won 11-2 on Sunday.

Well done Stefan, we are all extremely proud of you and look forward to hearing about many more goals to come!

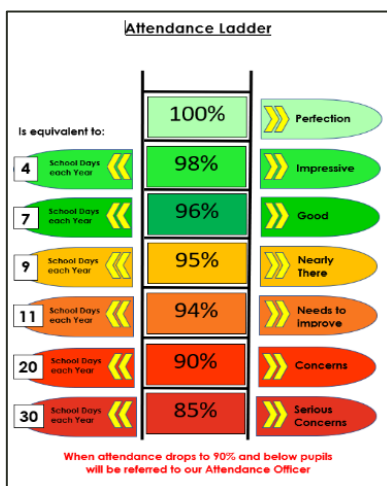
Free McDonald's Fun Football Sessions

While we are on the subject of football. Don't forget 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.**



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

Attendance



Here's our overall attendance for this week - 94.5%. It's gone up very slightly from last week but there is still lots of room for improvement.

Please be aware that 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'.

Secondary School Applications (Y6 Pupils)

The statutory national closing date for applications for parents and carers of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023, 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

If you are interested in running a stall at our first ever Christmas Market, on **Friday 15th December, from 2pm until 5pm**, please use the links below to contact the PTA. They are hoping to attract lots of different stall holders, in order to make the event a success. The cost of a pitch will be £15.

www.pta-events.co.uk/foch

info@friendsofcannhall.co.uk



Little Scrummers Rugby

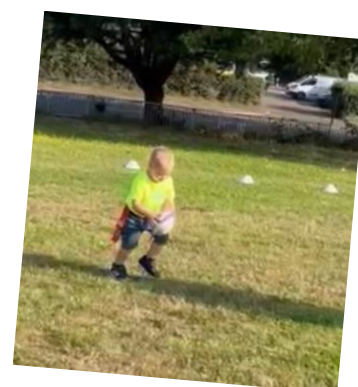
Little Scrummers Rugby Club offer non-contact rugby sessions, at Clacton Rugby Club (opposite The Range) on Sunday mornings:

3-4 year olds start at 9.20am

5+ year olds start at 10.10am.

If you are interested and want to book a free trial please contact them on mail@littlescrummers.com

Here's a photo of Hudson playing!



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/jMp0Ai45F9Qt2gdt6> 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**

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.

Tours of the School – September 2024 EYFS Intake

Mrs Smith has started her 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. It was lovely to see so many prospective parents visit the school this week.



The follow tour dates are still available:

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.**

Winter Coat Rail



Community Voluntary Services Tending (CVST) are offering a selection of pre-loved Coats & Jackets for anyone that needs one.

Collection Points are:

**Imperial House, 20-22 Rosemary Road, Clacton CO15 1NZ or
Harwich & Dovercourt Hub, 276 High St, CO12 3PD.**

They are open every weekday between 9am - 4pm
No Forms, No Questions, No Charge.

Family Breakfast Drop-in and School Uniform Bank

CVST are offering a family breakfast drop-in and school uniform bank on Monday 23rd October from 10am-11am. This is a great opportunity to find out what help and support there is out there for you, whilst taking advantage of a free breakfast!

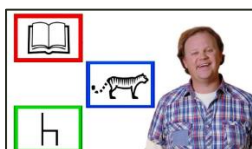
Active Essex – Free Half Term Holiday Clubs



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 illegible.

Makaton – Sign of the Week

Click here to learn the 'Sign of the Week' [Friend \(makaton.org\)](http://friend.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



Booking has now closed for the school 'Glow' discos on **Monday 16th October**.

EYFS, Y1 and Y2 from 3.10-4.10pm

Please send your child into school with their disco clothes. The class teachers have kindly agreed to help them get ready, in class at the end of the day. At 4.10pm, the double gates, at the front of the school, where I usually stand with Baxter, will be opened so you can collect your child from their classroom door.

To try and avoid any 'traffic jam's at drop off and pick up times, we have organised a one-way system for the Y3/4 and Y5/6 discos. Please see below:

Y3 & Y4 (4.20-5.20pm) and Y5 & Y6 (5.30-6.30pm)

Please drop your child back to school, for their disco, at the main office doors. After their disco finishes, please also collect them from the main office doors but this time you will be asked to come in to collect your child from the hall and then exit via the EYFS area and out through the double gates, at the front of the school (as mentioned above).



Harvest Festival



We are busy preparing for Harvest Festival, next week and have a special assembly planned for **Thursday 19th October**.

In preparation, we have started our annual harvest collection.

If you are able to make a donation, we are collecting any type of food item, that has a long shelf life, for example, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables/soups, long-life milk, UHT fruit juice, instant mash, tinned sponge puddings, teabags, small jar/packet instant coffee, hot chocolate powder, dried pasta, etc.

From Monday, please hand any donations, you can spare, to your child's class teacher. Many thanks in advance for your kind generosity.

A fond farewell...

associated with Cann Hall for many years, firstly as a parent, when her own children came to school here, then as a governor and a volunteer before becoming a permanent and valued member of the staff team. Even though we are sad to lose her, we wish her well in her new ventures and thank her for everything she has done to help the children at Cann Hall, over the years.

Lastly, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Choat today. She has been



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



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

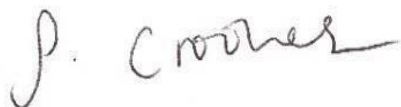
CEO of The Compass Partnership: John Camp

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

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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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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

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Vice

☐

Secretary

☐

Treasurer

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Committee Member

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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.](#)

