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Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd socks day

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

MONDAY 13TH TO FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying Week is fast approaching and takes place **Monday 13th to Friday 17th**

November, with the theme being '**Make a Noise About Bullying**'.

We will be starting our week of anti-bullying activities by joining in with '**Odd Socks Day**' on **Monday 13th November**, where children (and staff) will be asked to come to school wearing odd socks. It is an opportunity for the school to celebrate anti-bullying in a positive way and celebrates differences and being unique. We will be taking parts in lots of other activities throughout the week, such as: watching a live lesson, taking part in an anti-bullying school assembly, writing, and performing a class acrostic poem and making class pledges about how we will make a noise about bullying.

If you would like any more information about anti-bullying week or anything else mentioned above, please contact Mrs Mason. The following websites will also provide some more information regarding anti-bullying week and what we can all do to '**Make a Noise About Bullying**':

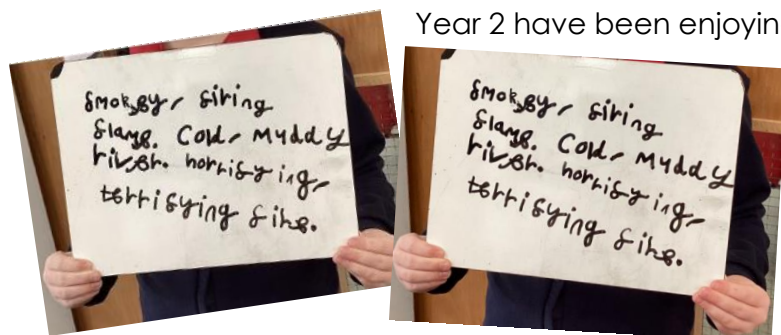


[Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

[Odd Socks Day \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

[Broadway Kids Against Bullying: I Have A Voice \(performance video\) - YouTube](#)

Great Fire of London



Year 2 have been enjoying their new history topic, where they are learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children have been identifying nouns and then using adjectives to compose noun phrases linked to this event.

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Child Safety Warning about Water Beads

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has issued a warning regarding the use of water beads, a product used increasingly as a toy. Water beads also known as gel beads, sensory beads, and sold under various brand names, are becoming increasingly popular as a toy. These beads are made from super absorbent polymer and can retain hundreds of times their weight in water.

The use of water beads, especially by babies and toddlers poses serious risks. If swallowed, the beads can continue to expand, growing considerably larger than their original size and causing intestinal blockages requiring medical intervention. Due to their growing popularity, driven by social media exposure, it's critical to be aware of the potential dangers. The CCPC advises that water beads should be kept out of sight and reach of young children to ensure their safety.

More information, and guidance for Parents and caregivers can be found on the [CCPC](#) website.

Learning Conferences (open evenings) signup sheets

Don't forget to sign up for your child's parent consultation on either Wednesday 15th or Thursday 17th November. Your child's class teacher will make their sign-up sheets available before and after school, each day in the run up to these meetings. If you can't get into school please email your child's class teacher, using their school email address.

Exciting Opportunity to Support the School

YOU can make a difference
Could you be our new parent governor?
APPLY NOW

Cann Hall is looking to appoint a new parent governor. You don't need any prior or specific experience, however a knowledge of Finance, Education or HR would be helpful, but not essential.

Being a governor is a great opportunity to support our school and make a positive contribution to the community.

To request an information pack or to arrange an informal chat, please email your contact details to: chcontact@compassps.uk and quote 'Parent Governor vacancy'



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HR Assistant at The Compass Partnership Of Schools

There is also another opportunity to join our team ... this time in a Central HR role. Please click the following link to find out more about this position and how to apply.

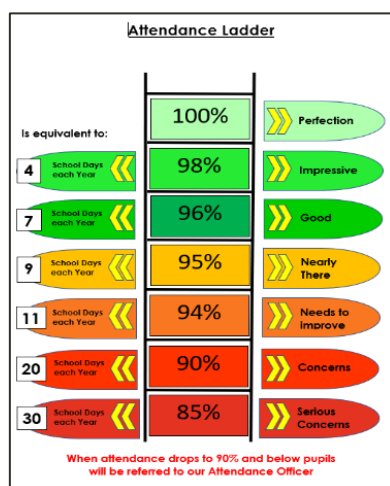
<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/184886623/EDV-2023-CPS-85983>

School Dinner Reminder

Don't forget that if your child is in EYFS, Year One or Year Two, they are entitled to a free school meal every day. If you wish your child to have a school meal and they are in Years 3 to 6, the price of a meal is £2.30 and needs to be paid in advance via the My Child at School App.

Attendance

This week you will all have received a letter, which we will now be sending out each half term, from myself and our attendance officer, informing you of your child's attendance so far this year. As you will be aware, attendance continues to be a priority for us as a school and is a priority for the Government too. Every day at school counts, so it is important that we are all aiming for 100% attendance, where possible.



Our overall attendance for this week was 94.5%.

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'.

PTA Christmas Market

It's not too late, if you are interested in running a stall at our first ever Christmas Market, on **Friday 15th December, from 2pm until 5pm**. You can just use the links below to contact the PTA. They are hoping to attract lots of different stall holders, to make the event a success. The cost of a pitch will be £15.

www.pta-events.co.uk/foch

info@friendsofcannhall.co.uk



Tours of the School – September 2024 EYFS Intake

The next tour is due to take place next week for 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 following tour dates are still available:

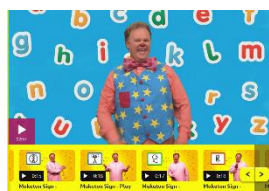
Tuesday 7th November – 3.30-4.00pm

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**.

Makaton – Sign of the Week



This week here's a link to lots of useful Makaton Signs.

[Really useful Makaton signs - CBeebies - BBC](#)

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](#)

Christmas on a Budget

ACL (Adult Community Learning) are offering a free workshop on how to find the best prices, budget your money in time for Christmas and save money. Their workshop is being held in Clacton on Monday 6th November. Please see a full-size poster at the bottom of this letter, if you are interested.

2023 Poppy Appeal



Just to let you know that we will be supporting this year's poppy appeal, next week, by selling an assortment of Poppy Merchandise, each day. If you and the children would like to support this charity and have some spare change, the Year 6 pupils will be selling these items each day. Thank you.

Upcoming dates for your diary

11.11.2023: Remembrance Day

13.11.2023- 17.11.2023: Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day 13.11.23)

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

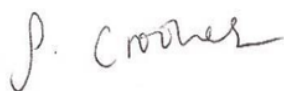
20.12.2023: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas parties- raising money for Save the Children and the PTA

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 half term. See you all on Tuesday 31st October.

Kindest regards



Sarah Crookes

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CHRISTMAS ON A BUDGET

- ▶ Learn ways to find the best price
- ▶ How to budget your money in time for Christmas
- ▶ Help save money



FREE!



Imperial House, Rosemary Rd,
Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1NZ



Monday 6th November 2023



9:30am, for two hours

Attend this course
& receive a FREE
£10 shopping
voucher!*



*One voucher per learner. Voucher only redeemable for first attended Multiply course.

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