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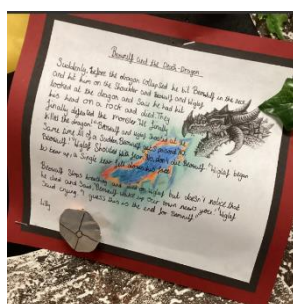
Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultation Meetings

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to sign up for your child's parent consultation, with their class teacher. The teachers will have had their sign-up sheets available before and after school, each day in the run up to these meetings. If you haven't been able to get into school, please email them, using their school email address.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school, next week, on either Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th November. Here's a sneak preview of some of the wonderful work your children produced last half term, which you will be able to see as you walk around the school and visit classrooms.



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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 would need to be paid in advance via the My Child at School App.

Children in Need 2023



This year, to support the BBC's Children in Need, we are asking the everyone to come into school wearing something spotty.

If your child would like help in raising funds for this importance cause, we are asking for a donation of £1 (which will be split 50:50 between the PTA and Children in Need).

Children in Need Day is **Friday 17th November.**

Princes Theatre Performers

We were very proud to hear that Graicee in Year One will be taking part in her second dance show "INFLUENCE" with JA Performing arts next weekend. The opening night is Friday 10th and then she will be performing in the matinee and evening show on Saturday 11th. Evangeline in EYFS is also performing. We know that the girls will be the stars of the show!



Exciting Opportunities 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'



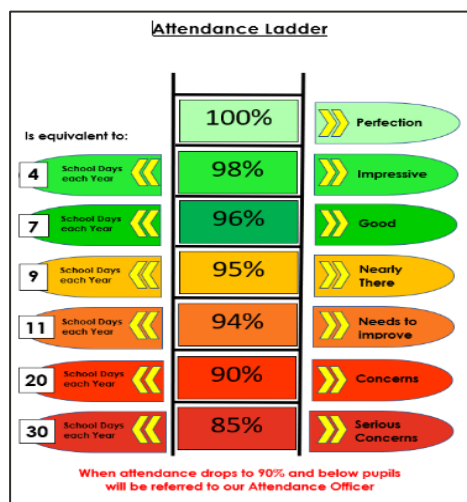
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HR Assistant at The Compass Partnership Of Schools

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>

Attendance



Our overall attendance for this week was 94.5% again.

It's great that we are sustaining this percentage and not going down. If we can keep working together, we know we can get back on the green rungs of our attendance ladder, which will ensure that your children are being given the best chance to succeed, in the future.

You can check your child's current attendance using the 'My Child at School App'.

Tours of the School – September 2024 EYFS Intake

There is only one more opportunity to come for a tour of the school, if you are interested in applying for a space for your child to start here at Cann Hall with us, next September.

The following tour date is still available:

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.**

Essex Music Services

In-Tune, is an e-newsletter, keeping parents and young musicians in-tune and up-to-date with opportunities from Essex Music Service and also nationally.

Here is the link if you are interested and would like to find out more:

<https://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/schools/resources/newsletter/>

Would you be interest in a career in teaching?

A great teacher changes the future every day. Advance Teacher Training sets you on the path to becoming an excellent teacher, one who will inspire the next generation to succeed. They are holding an on-line drop in information event on Monday 11th December between 12-2pm.



Ambition Institute

Advance Teacher Training, working with Ambition Institute, provide teacher training in Primary and Secondary ages, full-time and part-time courses. They have training bases at our Tendring base in Clacton, in Colchester and in Braintree.

If you would like to find out more, why not drop in to their event to meet with their Programme Director, Dr Sarah Alix, and explore your steps to a career in teaching.

To attend this event, drop in on Monday 11th December between 12-2pm, please email enquiries@advanceteach.org.uk to receive the zoom link.

Free Winter Warmer Community Event

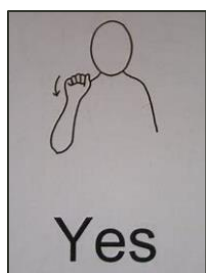
On Sunday 12th November from 9.30am-2pm, at Great Clacton Community Hall there will be lots of free preloved winter coats and clothing for adults and children.

Anyone is welcome to pop in for a browse or to just have a chat.

For more information, please see the full size poster at the bottom of this letter.



Makaton – Sign of the Week



How are you getting on with you Makaton signs? Here is the link we shared last week, 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](#)

Fearless Fin



On Saturday 4th November, at Colchester Zoo, Mrs Rogers launched her own illustrated children's book called **Fearless Fin**, in memory of her son, Finley.

Mrs Rogers and her family hope the book, which is a beautifully worded analogy describing Fin's blood cells as poorly soldiers not able to fight, continues his legacy and helps other young children and families that are going through the same experience.

It goes without saying how proud we are of Becky for doing this and doesn't surprise us at all that Becky and her family would want to do something to help others. Lots of us in school have already purchased copies of this touching story, so that more children and families can take some support from this book. If you would like to purchase a copy of **Fearless Fin**, it can be ordered directly from Little Light Publishing for £6.99 [Little Light Publishing](#)

If you would like to read the full Gazette article follow this link: [Becky Rogers to launch Fearless Fin book at Colchester Zoo | Clacton and Frinton Gazette](#)

2023 Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to those of you who donated money, by purchasing poppies and other merchandise, this week to support this worthy cause.



It was also lovely to see the children coming into school in their rainbows, beavers and cubs' uniforms today, as a mark of respect for remembrance day tomorrow.

Once we know how much we have raised, from the Poppy Appeal, we will let you know.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd socks day



Finally, don't forget it is Anti-Bullying Week next week (Monday 13th to Friday 17th November) and this year the theme is **'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.

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Upcoming dates for your diary

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

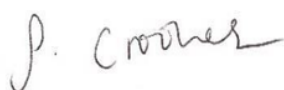
20.12.2023: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas parties- raising money for Save the Children and the PTA

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 weekend.

Kindest regards



Sarah Crookes



Free Winter Warmer Community Event Clacton

All Welcome



Lots of **Free** preloved winter coats and clothing for adults and children, shoes, bedding, and other items to help your family keep warm and well this winter.

You are very welcome to pop in for a browse, have a chat, and pick up any items that you need.
We are open to all.

Information, advice, and support available from a friendly team of staff and volunteers from different organisations

Sunday 12th November 2023
From 9.30am to 2.00pm
at
Great Clacton Community Hall
16-26 Valley Road, Great Clacton
CO15 4AR

