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Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



Hopefully you will have noticed that the road directly outside the school has been much clearer over the last week. Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming support and understanding you have shown, regarding this issue. If you would like to support the school even further with this please follow this link [Petition · Implement Strict Speed Limits Outside Cann Hall Primary School · Change.org](#) and sign the petition, that has been kindly set up to support the school.

For the small minority of people who are still not adhering to the parking restrictions, we do appreciate that it might make things a bit harder for you to find a space to park but having the road clear, makes it so much safer for you and your children to cross the road, in the morning and at the end of the day.



EYFS

The children in EYFS have been learning about nocturnal animals. They have produced some wonderful examples of independent writing and they have also been exploring colour mixing.

Year Two

Year 2 have been learning about the differences between the fire services in 1666, and today. They were also lucky enough to try on some uniform that Miss Deal brought to school (even if it was a bit big!). The children learnt how this uniform keeps our fire fighters safe when attending emergencies.



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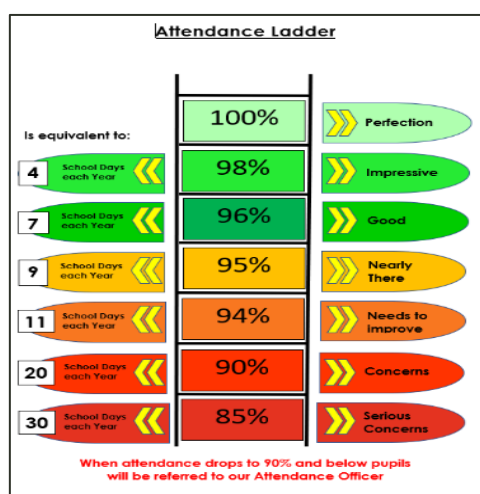
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Year Five



Year 5 have been experimenting with clay techniques ready to create their Islamic tiles in art.

Attendance Update



Our overall attendance has taken a slight dip this week and is now sitting at 94.2%.

It's the beginning of the Christmas Season today. There is so much wonderful learning planned, in every year group and lots of Christmas preparations going on this month. Don't let your children miss out. Please try and make sure, if they are well enough, that they attend school every day.

Just a reminder that our gates open at 8.30am and are closed at 8.40am because lateness does have an impact on your child's attendance too.

Coping With Defiant Behaviour Workshop

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service are offering a Coping with Defiant Behaviour workshop on Monday 11th December 2023 from 10.30-1pm at Berechurch Family Hub.

This workshop is aimed to help parents and carers understand and navigate their child's defiant behaviour. Attendees will explore triggers for behaviour and learn strategies to improve relationships within the home. Please see the poster at the bottom of this letter for more information if you are interested.

Essex Activate – Winter Holiday Clubs

Essex Active are providing free winter holiday clubs, across Essex, for children between the ages of 4-16. These clubs provide a range of different activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious meal. They also offer specialist youth SEND and mental wellbeing clubs. For more information about booking onto one of their **Free Winter Holiday Clubs**, please see the full-sized poster, at the end of this letter.



Tendring Technology College (TTC)



TTC Safeguarding

Safeguarding@tendringtechnologycollege.org



TTC Christmas Wellbeing Fayre 2023

TTC are hosting our Christmas Wellbeing Fayre on Thursday 7th December at our Frinton Campus from 5-7pm. The aim of this evening is to connect members of our school community with the support that is available to them for their mental health and wellbeing.

Following the massive success of our previous events, we can't wait to be able to continue to provide this support to our students and their families once again.

We would like to invite you to our Christmas Fayre. To confirm attendance, please complete our simple registration form using the link provided or scan the unique QR code.

We look forward to seeing you.



TTC are hosting their popular Christmas Wellbeing Fayre on Thursday 7th December, at their Frinton Campus, from 5-7pm.

This year TTC are extending their invitation to our year 6 pupils.

If you have a child in Year 6 and are interested in this event, you can scan the QR code on this poster.

Tours of the School – September 2024 EYFS Intake

Next week on **Tuesday 5th December – 4.00-4.30pm** is your last 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.

If you are interested, please contact the school office on either 01255 420603 or chcontact@compassps.uk to book a place.

School Applications must be made to **Essex Admissions between 6th November 2023 and 15th January 2024.**

Santa's Visit



Don't forget that, Santa will be passing by Cann Hall on Wednesday 13th December from 6pm, in his special blue tank engine, collecting on behalf of the RNLI Clacton.

It's a great way to get into the festive spirit with Sir Topham Hatt, Santa and his blue tank engine in aid of a fantastic charity.

Makaton – Signs of the Week



Clacton Library Events over the Christmas Period

A poster with information all about the events planned for children over the Christmas Season at Clacton Library can still be found at the bottom of this letter.

You will also still find a poster outlining Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge, at the end of this letter. The challenge is for children aged 0-11 and runs from 25th November until 3rd February. Essex libraries asked us to share this information with you:



Our plucky penguin is back! This time she's setting off with her magic book and a map in hand. Lyra is on a mission to find out more about endangered animals around the world and how she can help protect them. You can find out lots of fun facts about endangered animals around the world on our website, and by following Lyra's journey on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/essexlibraries

Your mission is to complete at least 6 of the 12 challenges in your booklet. You can use library books, audiobooks, e-books, e-comics or e-audio for each challenge. It's up to you which challenges you do! Pick up your challenge booklet from any library between 25 November and 3 February to take part. You will receive a Certificate on completion and either a pack of seeds or a book (while stocks last)

Upcoming dates for your diary

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

15.12.2023: 'Elf-Ridges Pop Up Shop'

18.12.2023: EYFS Christmas Songs and Hot Chocolate. 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: 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

Wendy Byrne



BOOK ONTO OUR FREE WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS!

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



IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also 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 be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!



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! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.



HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.



www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate





Coping with Defiant Behaviour



This workshop will help parents/carers to understand and navigate their child's defiant behaviour.

We will explore triggers for behaviour and learn strategies to improve relationships within the home.

Monday 11th December 2023

Berechurch Family Hub—The Ormiston Centre.

10:30—1pm

For more info or to book a place contact EXTRA on **01255 475001** or

Email: admin@extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk

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Clacton Library events for children

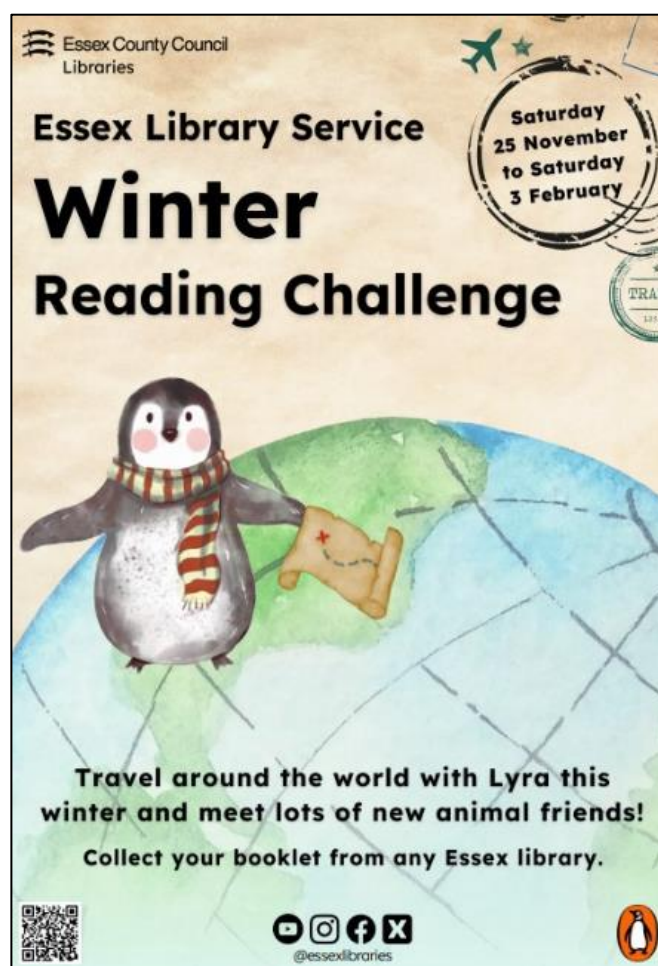
Saturday 3 December - Saturday 3 February
Winter Reading Challenge - Join Lyra the Penguin this Winter and meet lots of new animal friends.
 Further information can be found by following the link [Winter Reading Challenge](#) | [News](#) | [Essex Library Service](#)
 Promotional Video: <https://youtu.be/kUnNp3aX5>

Saturday 9 December - Christmas Craft
 Join us for a FREE Christmas craft session from 10.30 -11.30. Suitable for all ages. No booking required.

Saturday 16 December - Christmas Stories
 Join us for our wonderful FREE festive story-time with a colouring session afterwards 10.30 11.00. Suitable for all ages, no booking required.

Saturday 16 December - Festive Lego session
 Join in our Christmas Special from 2.30pm-3.30pm - booking required.
 you can book on Essex libraries website or follow the link <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/location/tendring/96>

Saturday 30 December -Storytime puppet special
 Come and join Jake, Gloria and friends for this fun filled FREE session. 10.30 -11.00am suitable for all ages, no booking required.



Essex County Council Libraries

Essex Library Service

Winter Reading Challenge

Saturday 25 November to Saturday 3 February

Travel around the world with Lyra this winter and meet lots of new animal friends!

Collect your booklet from any Essex library.

QR code, social media icons (@essexlibraries), and a penguin logo.

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