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Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents and carers, who completed our survey. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and supportive of what we do here at Cann Hall.



Christmas Dinners



The children will be having their Christmas Lunches, next week. **Wednesday 13th December (EYFS & KS1) and Thursday 14th December (KS2).**

On Wednesday 13th December, if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 and does not want a Christmas Lunch, please provide them with a packed lunch from home or let the school know if you would like us to provide them with a cold lunch. If your child is in KS2, please provide them with a packed lunch from home or if your child is

entitled to a free school meal and you would like the school to provide them with a cold lunch, please let us know, using the form, which has already been sent out.

On Thursday 14th December, if your child is in KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) and does not want a Christmas Lunch, please provide them with a packed lunch from home or, if they are entitled to a free school meal and you would like the school to provide them with a cold lunch, please let us know, using the form, which has already been sent out. If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2, please either provide your child with a packed lunch from home or let us know if you would like the school to provide them with a cold lunch.

If you have any questions about the Christmas lunches, please call the school office on 01255 420603 or email chcontact@compassps.uk

Paperchain Sale



Our traditional paper chain sale started on Monday 4th December and runs until Friday 15th December. The paper chains cost 10p each and the children can buy them from their class teacher.

Prizes will be drawn before we break up for the Christmas holiday.



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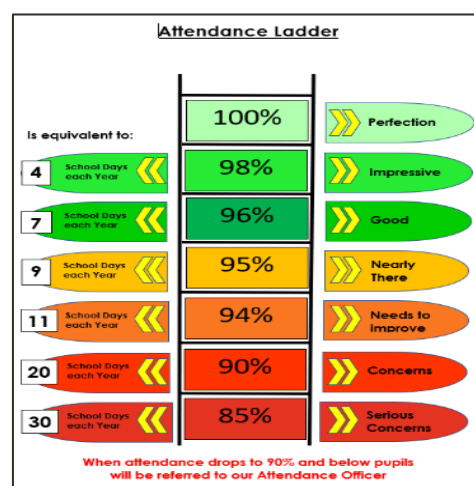
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Attendance Update

Our overall attendance has taken another dip again this week to **93.9%**, which is understandable at the moment, as it is the height of the cold, flu and bug season. We feel confident, that with your support, attendance will improve again after the Christmas holiday.

If your child is well enough, please ensure that they attend school every day to make sure they do not miss out on all the fantastic learning their teachers have planned and all the exciting Christmas preparations going on this month.



Topics for the New Year

Here is a sneak preview of class texts and topics the children will be working on, after Christmas:

Year Group	Class Texts	Main Topic
EYFS	Traditional Tales	Materials and Healthy Eating
Year One	Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch The Snail and the Whale	History – Grace Darling (RNLI inspiration)
Year Two	Azzi in Between	History –Clacton in the Past (Significant Places in the Locality)
Year Three	The Accidental Prime minister	Geography – The River Colne. How does the landscape change through the course of the river? Physical and Human Features of the River Colne.
Year Four	The Rhythm of the Rain	Geography – Geographical Location, Time Zones. Similarities and Differences between UK and Antarctica.
Year Five	Journey to the River Sea	Geography – Physical Diversity of a region in South America. The Amazon Rainforest.
Year Six	Holes	Geography – Key physical features of a region (West Coast) North America. Natural Disasters – hurricanes, flooding, volcanoes, earthquakes.

If you would like to know what other topics your children will be learning, in all of the other subjects being taught next half term, or indeed across the whole year and future years, you can find our curriculum overview here, [Cann Hall Primary School - Curriculum \(compassps.uk\)](https://www.compassps.uk/).

Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

In June, children in **Year 4**, across the country will sit the official multiplication timetables check (MTC). The MTC determines how well Year 4 children can fluently and accurately recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12.

The teachers, in every year group, plan in lessons dedicated to learning these important facts across the year. These lessons, as well as developing accuracy and fluency, give the children the opportunity to identify patterns and connections between the different timetables. We also encourage the children to regularly log on to either TT Rockstars or the White Rose 1-minute maths app, each day.



These digital programmes can be accessed at home so please encourage your children to log on each day at home too, even if they have logged on in school. The more opportunities the children are given to develop their accuracy with these important facts the better. Once they have the accuracy then the speed of recall will follow. The class teacher will have your child's log in details, so please speak to them if you need a reminder of their details.

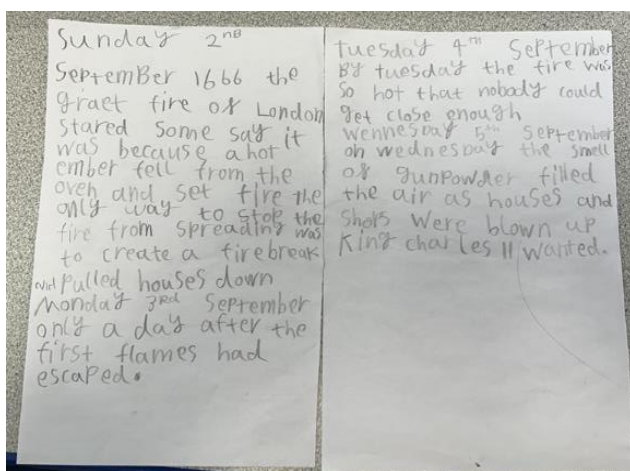


Another way we help prepare the Year 4 children for this official check, in June is to take part in TT Rockstars Tournaments and their Unofficial Official Multiplication Checks, across the year. The first TT Unofficial Check will be running from **January 15th to February 2nd 2024**. The Year 4 teachers will be writing to parents and carers with more details about this.

So that you feel more prepared to support your child with the Official Check in June, here is a link to a government publication for parents which includes everything you need to know about this check. [2024 multiplication tables check: information for parents \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/publications/2024-multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents) and of course please do not hesitate to speak to the Year 4 teachers, if you have any questions or concerns.



What a role model!



We wanted to share this inspiring example of writing with you all.

After learning all about the Great Fire of London and how to write a diary entry, in class, Georgina in 2D went home and wrote these fantastic diary entries. What is even more impressive is that Georgina produced this writing all on her own, without being asked. What a superstar and an excellent role model. Georgina is already showing that she is taking responsibility for her own learning and developing into a lifelong learner!

Year Five Update



Year Five have been learning all about traditional Greek dancing, over the last 5 weeks and have created their own Greek dances. We were lucky enough to watch their performance, this week and were blown away by the children's focus and synchronicity. We felt like we had been transported to Greece!

Support a wonderful cause, this Christmas!



We were extremely proud to hear that Lydia in 5HH is performing in Mad About Theatre Company's production of **Supernova Santa II (The Rise of the Gingerbread)** on Saturday 9th December, at St Osyth Public Hall.

All the proceeds go back into the local community, providing a free Christmas Eve meal for those in need and food parcels that are distributed over the Christmas period, so it's a great cause to support, and the shows are always a lot of fun! If you are interested in going to see this show and supporting a wonderful cause, please see the full-sized poster at the end of this letter.

Christmas Party at Clacton Leisure Centre

Clacton Leisure Centre will be organising a lovely Christmas party, on **Friday 22nd December at 11.30-12.30pm and then again at 1-2pm**, giving children in the local area the opportunity to play fun games and win amazing prizes like panto tickets and free pool entries.

Ticket entry is £5 per child. For more information email memberships@tendringdc.gov.uk



Coping With Defiant Behaviour Workshop

Just a reminder that 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. A poster with more information, if you are interested, can still be found at the bottom of this letter.

Essex Activate – Winter Holiday Clubs



Information regarding Essex Active Winters Holiday Clubs, across Essex, for children between the ages of 4-16 can still be found at the bottom of this letter.

Makaton – Signs of the Week



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.



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:



Safer Roads



Here's the link again, to the petition, that has been kindly set up to try to make the roads surrounding our school much safer [Petition · Implement Strict Speed Limits Outside Cann Hall Primary School · Change.org](#) Thank you to all of you who have already signed this petition. Please keep sharing and signing.

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

4.1.2024: Children Return to School
15.1.2024: Primary School Applications Closing Date
18.1.2024: Census Day
25.1.2024: Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents and Carers
2.2.2024: NSPCC Number Day and Dress Up for Digits, and TT Rockstars Tournament
5.2.2024-9.2.2024: Children's Mental Health Week
6.2.2024: Safer Internet Day
12.2.2024: PTA Discos- Rec, Y1 & 2 15.10-16.10; Y3 & 4 16.20-17.20; Y5 & 6 17.30-18.30
17.2.2024-25.2.2024: Half Term
26.2.2024: Children Return to School
1.3.2024: Secondary School Offer Day
4.3.2024: PTA Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

7.3.2024: World Book Day
13.3.2024: Learning Conferences 4.00-7.00pm
14.3.2024: Learning Conferences 3.40-6.00pm
17.3.2024: Comic Relief
TBC: 27 or 28.3.2024: Easter Service Assembly at School
29.3.2024-14.4.2024: Easter Holidays
15.4.2024: Children Return to School

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

J. Crookes W Byrne

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

www.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







Saturday
25 November
to Saturday
3 February

Essex Library Service Winter Reading Challenge



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

Collect your booklet from any Essex library.

@essexlibraries

SUPERNOVA SANTA II

THE RISE OF THE GINGERBREAD

3rd December
Holland-On-Sea
Public Hall
139 Frinton Road
CO15 5UR
12pm and 4pm



9th December
Saint Osyth
Public Hall
Clacton Road,
CO16 8PE
12pm and 4pm

Call the Mad Showline on 07709 315510,
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