

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## KS2 Church Service

It was so wonderful to make our annual trip to St. John's Church in Great Clacton for our KS2 carol service this morning.

The children's singing was beautiful, as they told the Christmas story through ten well-known carols. Children from each class did bible readings telling the story of Jesus' birth, speaking confidently and clearly.



A big thank you to everyone who came to watch, and to those of you who walked along with the classes- this was such a big help. If you did take photos or videos, please can you be mindful of anyone else in the images, and not post these on social media, unless you have permission from other parents to do so.

## Christmas Lunches



The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy their Christmas Lunches, this week. Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for providing such tasty food and making the hall feel special with all the table trimmings and crackers. Thank you also to all those members of staff, who gave up their own lunch time to serve the children.



## Attendance Update

Our overall attendance has remained at **93.9%, this week.**

As mentioned before, lateness will also affect your child's attendance record so please ensure that they are in school with everything they need for the day, before the gates close at 8.40am, each day. This will also help the school office complete their crucial daily attendance checks, in good time.

## Gymnastic Success and Medals Galore!



It was so wonderful to hear all about Nyla's (EYFS) gymnastic achievements, this week.

She came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her most recent gymnastic competition and won not one but two medals – what a triumph!

Well done Nyla - everyone is so proud of your accomplishments in and out of school. We just know that this is going to be the first of many future achievements for you.

It seems we have not just one but two gymnastic stars of the future.

Amaris, in Y4, has only been attending Performers Gymnastics since the beginning of October and this week she achieved an amazing five medals, which will all go towards her Rainbow Award.

This is a fantastic achievement, Amaris, after such a short period of time. We are all very proud of you too. Well done and keep going.



## Well Deserved Acknowledgement



We are also very proud of our lovely MDA Miss Sousa. This week we found out that she was presented with the Lawrence Walker Award, by the Mayor of Colchester to acknowledge all her voluntary work for African Families in the UK (AFiUK).



Attendance Ladder		
Is equivalent to:	100%	Perfection
4 School Days each Year	98%	Impressive
7 School Days each Year	96%	Good
9 School Days each Year	95%	Nearly There
11 School Days each Year	94%	Needs to Improve
20 School Days each Year	90%	Concerns
30 School Days each Year	85%	Serious Concerns
When attendance drops to 90% and below pupils will be referred to our Attendance Officer		

### **Blue Peter Badge Recipients**

Amelia and Jacob both made winter bird feeders, earlier in the term and sent off for their environmental blue Peter badges, which they both received this week. They are now the proud owners of a 'Green Blue Peter Badge' – high acknowledgement indeed. Well done Amelia and Jacob. You are both fantastic role models. Your efforts are clearly paying off because we have been told that you have had a lot of birds visiting the garden since you made your feeders.



### **Inspirational Home Learning**

Inspired by our learning in English linked to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii, Lilly, in 4AB, and her family made a model of Mount Vesuvius, using papier mâché and paint. They then used baking soda, vinegar and food colouring to replicate the eruption! Look at the lava flow!

There will be a special place reserved for Lilly's model next to Year 4's Roman display, in the new year.

Fantastic work Lilly (and family)!



### **Community Services Over Christmas**

At the end of this letter, please find attached several posters of services that we have been made aware of, over Christmas, for example, food banks, mince pies and a cuppa, offers of Christmas meals, a hobby hub and winter warmer packs.

Please note that the Christmas Day meal at CCHS must be booked by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (today)** so if you are interested, please make sure to ring 01255 42426.

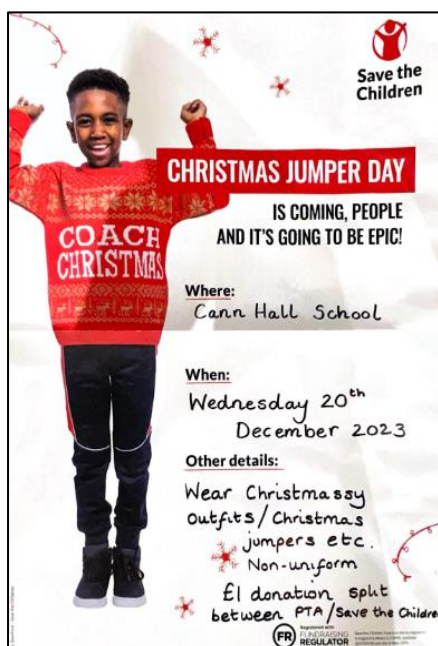
## KS1 Last Costume Reminder



Don't forget that the **Year One and Year Two** children will be performing their nativity concert, to the school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and then to parents and carers on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. If you haven't already sent your child's costume in, please can you make sure they bring it on Monday, in a bag, with their name on it.

Just in case, you can't remember what type of costume was required, here's a reminder: any Christmas outfits, shepherd or angel costumes or appropriate animal costume. Thank you.

## Christmas Jumper Day



Don't forget that it is our Christmas jumper day **on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. For a donation of £1 the children can come into school wearing Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Outfits, Christmas party outfits anything Christmassy! All money raised will be split between Cann Hall PTA and Save the Children.

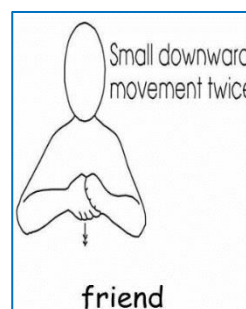
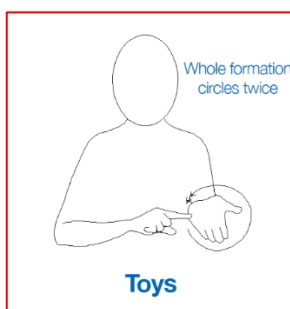
## Christmas Party at Clacton Leisure Centre

Don't forget that Clacton Leisure Centre are organising a lovely Christmas party, on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Ticket entry is £5 per child. For



more information email [memberships@tendrindgc.gov.uk](mailto:memberships@tendrindgc.gov.uk)

## Makaton – Signs of the Week





## Safer Roads Update



Many of you will have seen that we had a visit from a Liaison Officer from Essex Highways, on Wednesday morning. He had been asked to visit the school, by Councillor Skeels, to assess the situation regarding our concerns for the safety of the children, parents and carers, outside our school at drop off and pick up times. This is very positive so thank you to everyone who has been supporting the school.

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



## Contacting the School Office



So that Mrs Klein and Mrs Connolly, in the school office, can complete their daily attendance checks, in good time, please can we ask that if you need to contact the main school office between the peak periods of **8.30am to 9am** that you please email the school instead, using [chcontact@compassps.uk](mailto:chcontact@compassps.uk) and then someone will be get back to you as soon as possible. At all other times, please call 01255 420603 and press option 4 to speak to someone. Thank you.

## The Big Ambition Survey



The Children's Commissioner for England wanted us to pass on her thanks to those of you who have completed 'The Big Ambition' survey we shared with you a few weeks ago.

There has been an amazing response from nursery, primary and secondary schools across England and as a result the closing date has been **extend to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024** to allow even more children the chance to have their say.

Children and parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

'The Big Ambition' provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election.

Let's make sure that the children and young people of Essex are represented in the results.

## Upcoming dates for your diary

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 @9.15am and Y2 parents @10.30am

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



Sarah Crookes & Wendy Byrne



**Walton and District Community FoodBank**  
**CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**  
 Walton Community Centre, Standley Road,  
 Walton on the Naze

**COMMUNITY LARDER**  
 18th– 21st Dec 8.45 –2pm  
 22nd Dec 8.45 –12 mid-day  
 26th,27th, 28th Dec 8.45 –10.15am  
 29th Dec 8.45 –12 mid-day  
 1st January 2024 8.45 –10.15am

**FOODBANK**  
 18th– 21st Dec 8.45 –9.45 am (emergency only)  
 22nd Dec 8.45 –12 mid-day  
 26th,27th, 28th Dec 8.45 –9.45 am (emergency only)  
 29th Dec 8.45 –12 mid-day  
 1st January 2024 8.45 –9.45 am (emergency only)

no appointment necessary just turn up  
 For further info call 0800 6889577  
 The FoodBank Team wish Seasons Greetings to our community

In Association With  
 Walton Churches Together



Join us for  
**Mince Pies and  
 a Cuppa**



Don't be alone this Christmas.  
 Join us at the Dovercourt and  
 Harwich Hub for a social space  
 offering mince pies, a cup of tea or  
 coffee and a place to chat.  
 Everyone welcome!

**December 28th  
 10am - 12noon**

Dovercourt and Harwich Hub  
 276 High Street, Dovercourt  
**01255 554115**






# Christmas Meal



*Heart-warming lunch  
for the community*

Join us on Christmas day for a  
hot stew, and don't be lonely.  
Lively chatting, quiz,  
and raffle!

From 12 pm to 3 pm.

*Drop in and tell us.  
£2 fee towards a raffle draw  
at the end.  
Book now (limited spaces)!*



**HIGH  
STREET CAFÉ**

SAVOUR THE FLAVOUR

51 High Street  
CO14 8BD

01255 401143



CHRISTMAS DAY  
10AM-12PM  
BLUEBIRDS, 114  
PIER AVENUE

FREE BACON ROLL, SOUP AND HOT  
DRINK TO ANYONE WHO WANTS  
SOME HOT FOOD AND COMPANY  
CHRISTMAS MORNING.

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# CHRISTMAS Hobby Hub



One-off Festive special of the Hobby Hub  
in between Christmas and New Year. Adults only.  
Newbees welcome

Bring your own Crafts or Art, such as Diamond Art, Painting by numbers,  
Mandala Colouring, Knitting or Crochet etc,

**Thursday 28th December**  
**10am - 12pm**

**At Sam's Hall, Imperial House,**  
**Rosemary Rd, Clacton CO15 1NZ**

*Can park in the Car Park, access via Beach Road*

Free to attend, includes Tea / coffee and Soup and a Roll at midday.  
(or feel free to bring your own lunch)



## The SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING MEAL

The Mad About Theatre Company  
And The Stroke Charity Welcome  
You To Have A Free Festive Meal

At the Stroke Centre  
85 Frinton Road, CO15 5UH

Sunday, December 24th  
12pm - 3pm

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF CLACTON IN COLLABORATION WITH  
CLACTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND FRIENDS PRESENT

**CCHS**  
01255 424266

**CCHS CANTEN**  
11:30AM - 2:00PM

**CCHS CHRISTMAS DAY  
DINNERS ARE BACK!**

SCAN ME

REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST IN  
ATTENDING THE  
DINNER AS A  
GUEST

**25TH DEC 11:30AM FOR A  
12:00PM START**

FOOD PREPARED BY THE CEO OF TLC GOURMET: AN EX STUDENT,  
THAT WE ARE PROUD TO BE WORKING WITH,  
CHEF THOMAS LEATHERBARROW

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER  
CLOSES 15TH DECEMBER 7:00pm

CONTACT DETAILS  
[cchsxmasdinner@rotaryclactonjubilee.org](mailto:cchsxmasdinner@rotaryclactonjubilee.org)

## Winter Warmers Collection Point

Come and talk to the CVST  
Resilience Team, collect a  
winter pack & see what help  
and support we can offer you.



## CVST Imperial House,

20-22 Rosemary Road, CO15 1NZ Clacton

Date: Monday 18th December

Time: 10am - 12noon



Just turn up!

Winter pack includes Blanket, Gloves  
Hot Water Bottle, Thermal Vest and Socks

If you're unable to visit this collection point, please call us on 01255 425692 option 3



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