

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

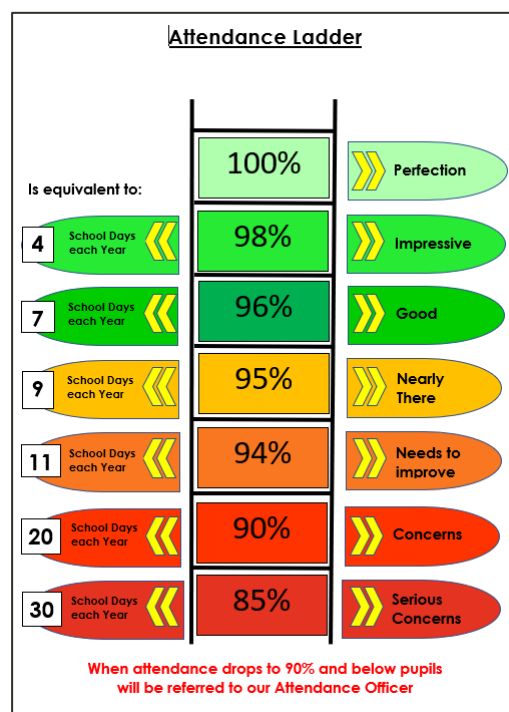
It was lovely to see all the children having their photographs taken today, individually and with their siblings. If any of your children were absent today, don't worry, we will be booking in a mop-up session soon.

## Attendance Update

As mentioned last week, we are working hard this year to put systems into place to improve children's attendance levels and to decrease the number of children who are persistently absent. (Children are considered to be persistently absent when their attendance falls below 90%).

We shared this helpful infographic, last week and outside every classroom a copy has been displayed, by your child's class teacher, so you can refer to this, when checking their attendance through the 'My Child at School' app.

**Our average attendance this week is 94.4%** which is a slight dip from last week and as you can see from the infographic, this **needs to improve**.



If your child's attendance has fallen below 90%, you should expect to receive a letter to alert you to this and what next steps may be taken to improve this.

## Times Tables - TT Rockstars

We are aware that some children are playing on a very old 'out of date' version of **TT Rockstars**. If your child is using the website at home, please visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version onto your device's browser. Otherwise, you can update the **Times Tables Rock Stars** app from the app store. Thank you for supporting your child to learn these essential facts.

## Karate Success

Congratulations to Harper, who took part in a Karate competition in Belgium and came third, winning this beautiful bronze trophy! What an amazing achievement Harper. You are a super star, and we are all very proud of you!



## Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Please find attached a flyer advertising the Winter Warmers and Family Fun Day, taking place at Sydney House Family Hub, Maldon Way, Clacton, CO16 7PA on Thursday 27th October 10.00am – 12.00noon.



## Essex Fire Museum

Essex Fire Museum have got two Halloween open days coming up in October: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, craft activities and a chance to sit on the fire engines (and squirt water). There will also be a haunted house to look inside.

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only as they are on the site of an operational fire station).

If you are interested, please email: [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) to let them know the number of people in your party and the time you would like to arrive (the station will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm) so the station are informed of numbers throughout the day.

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to those of you who have already donated to our harvest collection. Please keep sending in the following items for the Clacton Food Bank, if you are able to do so: **tinned fruit, tinned/packet custard, long-life milk, UHT fruit juice, instant mash, tinned sponge puddings, small jar/packet instant coffee, hot chocolate powder.**



## New Menus

If you haven't seen them yet – our new menus, which will start from after the autumn half term on 31.10.22, are attached to the bottom of this letter again.

If your child is having a school meal, these can be paid for via the **My Child at School** App. Remember, if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to a free school meal each day.

## **Secondary School Applications for September 2023 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents**

Here is just another reminder that the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2023) is **31 October 2022**. Applications can be made via our website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

### **Little Jimmy's Nursery**



Little Jimmy's Nursery, who will be based in the nursery building next to our school, will soon be opening their doors.

To give parents and carers a sneak preview of what's on offer, please join them for an Open Day on **Friday 21st October from 1-3pm**.

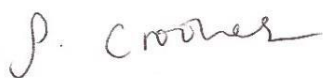
There is no need to book - just turn up to have a look around this beautiful setting. You are welcome to bring along your children and you can even enrol on the same day for an immediate start on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. They have 15 and 30 hour funded placements available, also spaces for non-funded children and preschool for 2-5 year olds.

### **Upcoming dates for your diary (please check our [website](#))**

19.10.2022: Harvest Festival  
24.10.2022 to 28.10.2022: Half Term  
2.11.2022: Flu vaccinations  
16.11.2022 & 17.11.2022: Learning Conferences  
14.12.22 EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Dinner (TBC)  
15.12.22 Y3, Y4, Y4 & Y6 Christmas Dinner (TBC)  
16.12.22 KS2 Church Service at St John's (TBC)  
19.12.22 KS1 Christmas Concert (TBC)  
19.12.22 EYFS Christmas Crafts and Songs (TBC)  
21.12.2022 to 4.1.2023: Christmas Holidays

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes

## Our new menus

We understand that lunch is an important meal in your child's school day, having nutritious balanced meals equips them with the energy and focus they need to gain the most for their afternoon lessons. That is why we have developed a new three-week menu for your children to enjoy – filled with nutritious and balanced meals designed to be appealing to the children. We understand that we cannot provide one option a day that every child will enjoy that is why we offer two hot options and two cold options daily.



Our homemade tomato sauce that we use as a base for our meatballs, pasta bar and pizza contains at least 5 vegetables. These are 3 of the children's favourite meals.



Children having schools dinners have access to our salad bar, which has a variety of nutritious items. This gives children the opportunity to choose foods they like. Our salad bar contains items such as cucumber, sweetcorn, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, bread, pasta and more!

We have added in allergen codes so that it makes it easier for children, parents and school staff to make informed choice if there are allergies.



If you have any questions, comments or feedback in regards to our lunch time offering please do not hesitate to contact the lead catering manager by email [cpeast-catering@compassps.uk](mailto:cpeast-catering@compassps.uk)

We constantly review our menus and after 2 or 3 cycles, we amend any non-popular dishes so that they can be replaced with something the children will enjoy. This way we can ensure there is always something for everyone.

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# Our Tasty Menu 1



Code		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H	Hot Option 1	Pasta bar with a choice of sauces V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Minced beef, mash and gravy GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Sausage MF,EF OPTIONS	Coconut chicken curry GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Fish finger and chips GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
V	Hot Option 2	Rice bar with a choice of sauces V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan mince, mash and gravy V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roasted Quorn fillet V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Jacket potato with various toppings V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Quorn dippers and chips V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
	Side Dishes	Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables	Roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Salad bar	Baked beans
P	Cold Option 1	Cheese and tomato wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham and cucumber sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese baguette V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham pasta pot GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cream cheese and cucumber sandwich GF,EF OPTIONS
F	Cold Option 2	Tuna and sweetcorn wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Egg mayo and cress sandwich V,GF,MF OPTIONS	Tuna Baguette GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese pasta pot V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS

Every day there will be a pudding which will be a rotation of fruit platters, fruit containing desserts such as Smoothies (made from blended fruit and veg), yoghurts, carrot cake (packed with veggies and fortified flour) angel delight mousse (high in calcium and 30% less sugar than regular angel delight) and fruit crumbles topped with a fortified oaty crumble.

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MF=MILK FREE  
EF=EGG FREE

All children having school dinners have access to the salad bar, water and milk at lunch times

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# Our Tasty Menu 2



Code		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H	Hot Option 1	Macaroni cheese V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Chicken casserole and new potatoes GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roast pork loin GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Pepperoni pizza GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Fishwich and chips GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
V	Hot Option 2	Tomato and chickpea rice bake V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Jacket potato with various fillings V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan sausage roll V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese and tomato pizza V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan burger and chips V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
	Side Dishes	Salad bar	Salad bar	Roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Salad bar	Sweetcorn
P	Cold Option 1	Cheese and tomato wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham and cucumber sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese baguette V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham pasta pot GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
F	Cold Option 2	Tuna and sweetcorn wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Egg mayo and cress sandwich V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna Baguette GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese pasta pot V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna and cucumber wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS

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# Our Tasty Menu 3



Code		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H	Hot Option 1	Jacket potato and various fillings V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Chilli con carne with rice or pasta GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roast Chicken GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	All day breakfast, bacon, sausage, egg, hash browns GF,MF,EF	Fish fillet and chips GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
V	Hot Option 2		5 bean chilli with rice or pasta GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roasted vegetable turn-over V,VE,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan all day breakfast V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Quorn dippers and chips V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
	Side Dishes	Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables	Roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Bread and butter, beans	Peas
P	Cold Option 1	Cheese and tomato wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham and cucumber sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese baguette V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham pasta pot GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	BLT wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
F	Cold Option 2	Tuna and sweetcorn wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Egg mayo and cress sandwich V,GF,MF OPTIONS	Tuna Baguette GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese pasta pot V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna and cucumber wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS

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# Winter Warmers & Family Fun Day!

Bringing the community together to  
keep warm this winter

**Sydney House Family Hub**  
Maldon Way, Clacton, CO16 7PA  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00am – 12.00noon**



Suffolk and North East Essex

Come along and join in with fun children's activities and get ready for winter with **FREE** adults and children's, blankets, hot water bottles, gloves, school uniform, pre-loved coats and clothing, essential breakfast packs and much more!

Many partners will be coming together to give winter resilience advice and support for the whole community to keep warm this winter.

**The vaccination bus will be available until 4pm. No appointment needed!**

**There will even be a visit from the Fire Brigade!**

(subject to call outs)



**Please be aware this event is taking place outside in the car park. Recycle modelling fun children's activities are inside the Hub.**



Sydney House Family Hub – Tendring district  
Berechurch Family Hub - Colchester Borough

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