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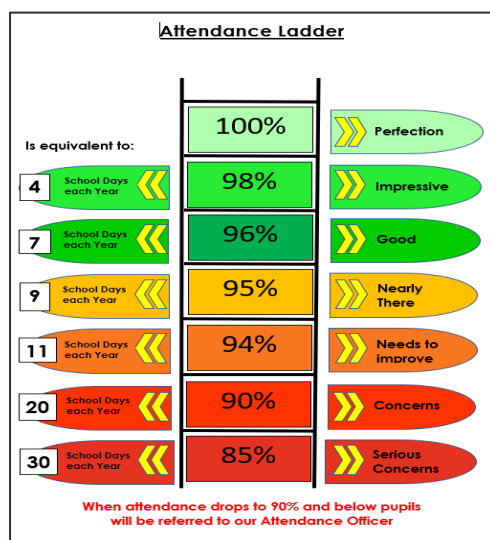
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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Update



Our average attendance this week is 94.5% again and so means **we still need to improve**. Please

try to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day this term. If we keep working together, I know we improve our overall attendance and ultimately this will have a positive impact on your child's learning and progress.

We met with our attendance officers, this morning, to discuss those children, whose attendance has fallen below 90%. You should expect to receive a letter to alert you to this and when we feel it is necessary home visits will be arranged.

Learning Conferences

We are all looking forward to welcoming you back into school on either the **16th or the 17th November** for your child's learning conference. If you haven't booked your appointment yet, please either contact your child's class teacher in person or via their school email.

New Menus

We hope your children have enjoyed choosing their meals for our new menus, this week. The menus can be found on our school website [Cann Hall Primary School - Home \(compassps.uk\)](http://Cann Hall Primary School - Home (compassps.uk)) and meals can be paid 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 every day.

Samples from our new menus will be available for you to try during our parent consultation meeting evenings.

Times Tables

Just another reminder for you to check that your child is playing on the most up to date version of [TT Rockstars](https://www.ttrockstars.com/). If your child is using the website at home, please visit 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.



If you have a child in Year 2 – Y6, you will have received an email this week telling you all about the 'England Rocks' tournament we have signed up to – if you have any questions, about this upcoming event, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week commences on **Monday 14th November** and to kick start the important work we will be carrying out, with the children this week, we will be asking them to come into school on Monday 14th **wearing odd socks**.



PTA - Competition



It was great to see the children bringing in their **Silly Spoon** entries into school, this week. If your child did enter their spoon into the competition, we have been informed by the PTA that winners will be announced next week, to give the children a little bit more time to get their entries in! 🥄

Rainbows and Brownies

Attached is a copy of this poster advertising Rainbows and Brownies, the younger sections of Girlguiding, who meet regularly in the Clacton area and are recruiting new members from EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

Girlguiding is the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the UK and in the Clacton District, there are currently three Rainbow units for girls aged 4-7 years, and four Brownie units (for 7-10 year olds) with spaces for new members wanting to try a new hobby where they have the opportunity to grow in confidence, build friendships, try new things, develop skills and, perhaps most importantly, have fun in a safe space under the guidance of volunteer Leadership teams. Members are given the chance to explore the world



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around them and learn by doing - and in fact, a lot of what goes on at Rainbows and Brownies runs alongside the curriculum for Reception, KS1 and KS2.

All parent and carer enquiries should be via the web link on the advertisement.

Essex Digest: your need-to-knows this November

Here are some of the most recent updates from Essex County Council, that we thought might be helpful:

Protect your health and the health of those around you – Vaccinations are the best way to avoid serious illness from flu and Covid-19 this winter. Check if you are eligible to book your free [Covid-19 booster](#) and [flu vaccination](#). If you are not eligible, you can still get a flu jab from a pharmacy for around £10.

Beat the Winter Blues - The clocks going back is a clear signal that winter is drawing closer, and the days are growing shorter. Darker nights and winter months can impact on your mood and frame of mind. Exercise, eating well and getting a good night's sleep can all help if you are feeling depressed or tired. If you need support, there are a range of [ways to get help](#). You can also speak to our [Adult Mental Health and Wellbeing team](#). Don't be afraid to open and ask for help

Cut Costs Not Your Health - As we all look to make cutbacks, our physical health doesn't have to be negatively impacted. Keeping active is proven to improve mental wellbeing. So, whether you're looking for free ideas, or cheaper options, check out [Find Your Active For Free](#).

Save whilst you shop - Earn points whilst you shop locally with the free Essex+ reward card or app. Find out more about the [Essex+ reward scheme](#)

Digital skills for all - Across Essex - 1 in 5 households don't use the internet at all and, for those that do, more than half have limited digital skills or lack the confidence to use digital technologies to their full potential. If you want to [improve your digital skills](#), help is at hand from ACL. There are a range of free digital courses so you can navigate the online world confidently

Avoiding unsafe toys - It's the time of year when we all start to think about buying Christmas presents. But, how can you be sure that the bargain toy you've found online is safe for your child? The Child Accident Prevention Trust have some great guidance on [buying toys online](#), giving you peace of mind that your child is safe and your money has been well spent

Early years and childcare parent survey -

We want to learn from parents about their experiences of:

- childcare in Essex
- your child starting primary school in Essex
- the impact the pandemic has had on your child

This survey is open to parents with children aged 0-19 years old or up to 25 years old if your child has special educational needs or disabilities. Complete our [early years and childcare parent survey](#) by Monday 23 November.

Poppy Appeal



Thank you to those of you who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal by sending in money with your children to purchase poppies and official merchandise.

Safety Concerns

We have noticed more and more parents and carers walking through the car park, when dropping off and collecting their children and some children are walking through this space unsupervised, which are real safety concerns. We have an agreement in place for one or two families to use the car park, at these times, and we also have the workmen using this space, so cars and vans are regularly pulling in and out.

Please, please, please use the allocated gates and walkways and if your child does walk to school on their own, please can you remind them to do so to – we would hate for there to be a serious accident, where someone gets hurt.

Speeding Concerns



With regard, to another safety issue, we have been made aware of cars speeding along Constable Avenue. Parents and carers are asking about the possibility of speed bumps being put in. We will contact the council and see if this is something they could help us with, but can we ask you to also contact the council with your concerns. The more people who report this, the more chance we have of them doing something about it. Here is the link to Tendring District Council's contact page [Contacting the council | Tendring District Council \(tendringdc.gov.uk\)](https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/contacting-the-council)

Christmas is Coming! On no it isn't ... oh yes it is!



We are pleased to let you know that all the children will have the opportunity to watch a pantomime this year. KS2 will be watching a production of **Sleeping Beauty**, here at the school on Tuesday 8th November and EYFS and KS1 will be watching **Cinderella** at The Princes Theatre on Monday 5th December. Thank you to Princes Theatre, Tendring Travel and our wonderful PTA for making this possible.



Upcoming dates for your diary:

14.11.22 Old Socks Day (Anti-bullying Week)
16.11.2022 & 17.11.2022: Learning Conferences
18.11.22 Children in Need (wear something spotty today)
14.12.22 EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Dinner
15.12.22 Y3, Y4, Y4 & Y6 Christmas Dinner



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16.12.22 KS2 Church Service at St John's
19.12.22 KS1 (Y1&Y2) Christmas Nativity Concert
19.12.22 EYFS Christmas Songs
21.12.2022 to 4.1.2023: Christmas Holidays

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

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