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Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been lovely to hear the children's singing in their preparations for Christmas- something we so missed during the restrictions from the pandemic. The children are really looking forward to getting to perform to you all, so please make sure you have all the information from the Christmas letter and know what is happening and when.

Mrs Byrne and I spent time this week looking closely at children's books from a range of subjects. We were really impressed to see how hard the children have been working and with the presentation in their books.

Internet and Phone Disruptions

We have had some major issues with our Internet server and phone lines this week, so please accept our apologies if you have been unable to contact the school, at any point over the last few days. We are pleased to be able to inform you that our systems are up and running again.

Attendance Update

Our average attendance this week is 94.2% and so you can see that this means we still **need to improve**. Missing school impacts negatively on your child's progress so please ensure that they are in school, on time every day.

Children, whose attendance has fallen below 90% should expect to receive a letter to alert you to this and when we feel it is necessary home visits will be arranged.



Football Star



Well done to Jacob, who received this spectacular trophy for being a great goalkeeper and saving lots of goals, in a recent football match. Keep up the fantastic work Jacob - we are all very proud of you!

World Cup Fundraising Day

Speaking of football, on **Tuesday 29th November**, to mark the England v Wales match, the PTA have planned a World Cup fundraising day. For a donation of £1, we would love the children to come into school wearing either their England Kits, team football kits or anything red, white, or blue. The PTA have planned lots of football related activities, which every class will take part in throughout the day. All funds raised will go to the PTA.



Additional Learning Opportunities



We are always impressed with your children's commitment to their learning, in lessons and their focused learning behaviours are always commented on, when we have any visitors into our school.

Over the last term, it has been wonderful to see lots of children taking every opportunity to further develop and refine their skills and deepen their understanding outside of their lessons. I would just like to thank the teachers and support staff, who have been giving up their own breaks and lunch times, to give the children more opportunities to read, develop their basic literacy skills (for example handwriting and punctuation) and practice their recall of those important times tables facts.

Twitter



Do you follow us on Twitter? If not, please use this link [@cannhallprimary](https://twitter.com/cannhallprimary) / [Twitter](https://twitter.com/cannhallprimary) to take a look and follow us. We are constantly tweeting photographs of all the wonderful learning taking place across the school, events and notices. You can also see our Twitter feed on our school website [Cann Hall Primary School - Home \(compassps.uk\)](https://cannhallprimaryschool.com) by scrolling down to the bottom of our home page.

Times Tables



If your child is in Year 4, they will be required to sit the Government's official times tables check, in the summer term. Please click the link below for more information about this, which will help you to fully prepare your child for this assessment.

[Information for parents: multiplication tables check \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Colchester United Christmas Card Challenge

Colchester United are launching their Premier League Primary Stars Christmas Card Competition. This year they have 2 competitions, one for Under 17s and one for adults, so now parents, teachers, carers and fans can all get involved too!

The card must contain something related to Colchester United, whether that be blue and white, Eddie the Eagle or a player it is up to you. The winning cards will be announced on December 20th, with both cards being sent to all their partner schools and participants. The winners will also receive a Colchester United themed prize!



To submit your entries either send them to: fitsportandeducation@colchesterunited.net or, send them via social media using the hashtag #PLPSColUXmasCard

ActivAte Half Term Camps



Colchester United Football in the Community is working in conjunction with Active Essex Foundation and are delighted to be offering free sports sessions and food provision across Colchester for those in receipt of free school meals, or need financial support for child care throughout Christmas. Please see the end of this letter for specific course information for our ActiVate Camps at **Shrub End Community Centre**, **Colchester Academy School** & **Maldon & Tiptree FC**.

e-Safety Training

Training dates can still be found at the bottom of this letter.

Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge

Another reminder to please see the attached leaflet below so you can encourage your child to take part in this year's winter reading challenge, run by Essex Libraries.



Christmas Jumper Donations

Just another reminder that you can give your child's old Christmas jumpers a new lease of life, by dropping them off in the collection box, which can be found in the school office foyer. We have only had one or two jumpers so far. If enough jumpers are donated the PTA will arrange a sale date, in time for Christmas Jumper day, on 20th December.



Christmas Dinner



Also attached to the bottom of this letter again is the Christmas Dinner Menu. Details for how to sign your child up for this will be shared in the coming weeks.



Please, if you haven't already done so, can you take a few minutes to complete our parent survey. Here is the link again <https://forms.office.com/r/VdBNEcWUc1> By giving us your feedback, it will really help us to keep improving.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

29.11.22 PTA World Cup Fundraising Day
14.12.22 EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunches
15.12.22 KS2 Christmas Lunches
16.12.22 KS2 Christmas Service at St John's Church- please see link in the Christmas letter for parents wanting to come along to this.
19.12.22 Y1 and Y2 Christmas Nativity Carol Concert (Y1 9.15am and Y2 10.30am)
19.12.22 EYFS Christmas Songs and Hot Chocolate (2.30pm)
20.12.22 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties (raising money for Save the Children and the PTA)
20.12.22 Whole School Christmas Songs to the parents on the playground at 2pm (then early finish)
21.12.22 to 4.1.23 Christmas Holidays

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Sarah Crookes

ActivAte Half Term Camps

It is strongly suggested that you book sooner rather than later! Throughout each day on camp, children will participate in sport and enrichment activities. Children will also receive a lunch and snack.

IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION – PLEASE READ BEFORE BOOKING ANY BELOW COURSE

1. If your child is receipt of free school meals, when completing registration, you will be asked for your wonde code. This will be provided by your child's school if eligible and is required. If you do not have a code, please book our low- income link.
2. If your family falls under low income , please self-verify that you are a low- income family in the box within the relevant registration box.
3. If booking our FREE Secondary Winter ActivAte link, please self-verify that you are a low- income family within the relevant registration box.

Please note- if you are unsure if you would be entitled to sign-up through our Free School Meals link, please see the description online which outlines the eligibility criteria.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN YEARS R-6

Low- income families

Location: Shrub End Community Centre, CO2 9BG

Dates: 21st, 22nd December + 3rd, 4th January

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/285>

Pupils in receipt of benefits based Free School Meals

Location: Shrub End Community Centre, CO2 9BG

Dates: 21st, 22nd December + 3rd, 4th January

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking link- <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/284>

Secondary

Location: Shrub End Community Centre, CO2 9BG

Dates: Wednesday 21st December

Time: 2.30-4.30pm

Age Range: 11-16

Booking link- <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/286>

Low- income families

Location: Colchester Academy School, Hawthorn Ave, CO4 3JL

Dates: 21st, 22nd, 23rd December + 4th January

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/282>



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South Rise - Willow Dene - Wingfield

CEO of The Compass Partnership: John Camp

Pupils in receipt of benefits based Free School Meals

Location: Colchester Academy School, Hawthorn Ave, CO4 3JL

Dates: 21st, 22nd, 23rd December + 4th January

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/281>

Secondary

Location: Colchester Academy School, Hawthorn Ave, CO4 3JL

Dates: Thursday 22nd December

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Age Range: 11-16

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/283>

Low- income families

Location: Maldon & Tiptree FC, Park Dr, Maldon CM9 5JQ

Dates: 21st, 22nd December + 3rd, 4th January

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/279>

Pupils in receipt of benefits based Free School Meals

Location: Maldon & Tiptree FC, Park Dr, Maldon CM9 5JQ

Dates: 21st, 22nd December + 3rd, 4th January

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/280>



eSafetyTraining

'The 2 Johns'

Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service and 'The 2 Johns' are pleased to offer **FREE** online parent workshops that will look at the online world, how our young people are using it and how to keep them safe. This includes :

- Favourite apps and games
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe

Sessions will run virtually from 8.00pm-9.30pm on dates below:

Tuesday 22nd Nov 2022

Thursday 24th Nov 2022

Monday 28th Nov 2022

Tuesday 6th Dec 2022

Wednesday 7th Dec 2022

Monday 12th Dec 2022

Tuesday 14th Dec 2022

Wednesday 21st Dec 2022



To book a place please call our Hub on 0300 247 0015



Sydney House Family Hub – Tendring District


Berechurch Family Hub – Colchester Borough

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk


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Christmas Dinner




It is coming up to our favourite time of year! Once again, we will be offering Christmas dinner to your children with all the trimmings! There will be a roasted turkey, music, crackers and plenty of cheer!

Roast turkey served with roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, yorkshire pudding, fresh vegetables and gravy!



The golden crackle bar from our themed day in October was such a hit we have decided to do a festive version for the children to enjoy after their roast turkey dinner.



We will also have a vegan roast available that will include a roasted Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, vegan pigs in blankets, fresh vegetables and gravy!

As always, there will be fresh water and milk available to drink.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback in regards to our Christmas lunch please do not hesitate to contact the lead catering manager by email cpeast-catering@compassps.uk

