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Dear Parents and Carers,

The tree is up, and classrooms are decorated, ready for Christmas!

We hope your children are enjoying the lead up to Christmas, whether that is counting down the days with advent calendars or laughing at the cheeky elves on the shelves.

It has been lovely hearing children singing Christmas songs and sharing in their general festive excitement.



World Cup Fundraising Day



The children and staff had a fantastic day on Tuesday, when the PTA and Tendring Borough Youth Football Club ran a World Cup fund raising day. Every class took part in lots of different events – Beat the Keeper, Relay Obstacle Course and Distance Shooting. There was also a 'Guess the Number of Football Chocolates in the Jar' competition. After Mr Roberts turned this activity into an impromptu maths lesson in his class; Jake's estimation of

274, turned out to be 'spot on', winning him the contents of the jar! So, congratulations to Jake, and how lovely that he decided to share the chocolates with his classmates.

Special thanks to our wonderful PTA and volunteers from Tendring Borough Youth Football Club for running the event, supplying certificates and prizes. Thank you to Mr Smith for organising the timetable of events and finally thank you for your donations. In total we raised £261.49.

Tendring Borough Youth Football Club

Tendring Borough Youth FC, who supported us during our World Cup fundraising day, are a new youth football club in the Tendring area, with teams ranging from 5-12 year olds, with boys and girls of all abilities welcome. All coaches are fully DBS checked and hold a minimum of FA Level 1 qualification. If your child is interested in being a part of this friendly and welcoming club, you can get in touch using the following details:

Tendringboroughyouthfc.co.uk or Tendringboroughfc@hotmail.com or you can find them of Facebook.



Attendance Update

Our average attendance this week is 93.8%, which means we still need to improve and is the lowest it has been for several weeks.

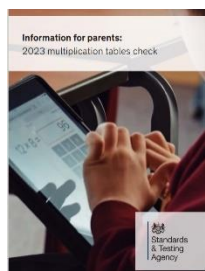
Please try to ensure that your child is in school every day in the run up to Christmas as missing learning time has such a negative impact on their progress.

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.

You can check your child's current attendance using the My Child at School App.



Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check



Here is the link again, to a publication that gives parents of children in Year 4, information about the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This is a statutory assessment, that the children will be required to sit, in the summer term. This guide has been designed to help parents and carers fully prepare their children for this assessment. [Information for parents: multiplication tables check \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

"That's not how we do maths in school!"



If your child has ever said this to you, when you have been helping them with their learning in maths, then this is the link for you! [Maths with Michael | Michael Underwood | White Rose Maths](#)

By clicking on this link, you will be taken to the White Rose website and a mini-series of videos, that have been put together for parents and carers to help you keep up to date with the methods used in school, when teaching place value, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and algebra.

24 Days of Kindness

In school, we have been thinking a lot about all the different ways we can show kindness to others. Mrs Mason, our PSHE subject leader, has given every class a copy of a calendar entitled '**24 Days of Kindness – A Kind Act a Day for the Month of December**' and we thought we would share it with you (found at the bottom of this letter) just in case you would like to use it or discuss it at home, as a family.



Speaking of kindness, thank you so much for supporting this year's, Poppy Appeal. Your support will make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community. The representative, who collected our donations, said he had never known a school to collect so much money! In total, together, we raised a huge **£621.25**.

Exciting opportunity to join our Trust

Compass have a fantastic opportunity for a confident, 'can-do' IT assistant to support our four primary schools in Essex. If you or someone you know has a good background in IT support from any sector and are looking for a rewarding role that will allow you to balance other professional and/or personal commitments, then we would love to hear from you. Please click on this link for more information

<https://www.compassps.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=21&vacancy=63>. Closing date for applications is Monday 12th December.

Cann Hall Christmas Food Bank

This year, more than any other, Christmas is going to be a challenging time for many families. So, to try and help, as a school, we are hoping to be able to offer a **Christmas Food Bank**. Our wonderful staff have already started donating non-perishable food items to our collection. If you could help by donating any spare items (Christmas themed or other), in these last few weeks before we break up for Christmas, to help us do this, we would be so very grateful. Donations can be handed in to your child's class teacher or the school office, from Monday 5th December and they will go directly towards helping families in our school community. Thank you!

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 had a few more jumpers and even some Christmas outfits donated. If enough items are collected, the

PTA will arrange a sale date, in time for Christmas Jumper day, on 20th December.

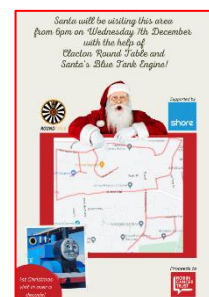
Christmas Dinner



Letters giving details for how to sign your child up for a Christmas dinner went out to parents and carers, this week. Please contact the office if you haven't received the letter and they can send you the details.

Santa's Visit to the Cann Hall Estate

As part of Clacton Roundtable's upcoming Christmas charity collection process, they will be undertaking a collection next **Wednesday 7th December from 6pm** in aid of The Robin Cancer Trust. Santa, Sir Topham Hatt and his blue tank engine and will be passing by Cann Hall, along the way, if you want to catch an early glimpse of Santa and support this charitable cause. (A large version of this poster, which includes the planned route, can be found at the bottom of this letter)



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE if you haven't already done so, can you take a few minutes to complete our parent survey. This is a last plea before the form closes. We really need your feedback to help us ensure we can continue improving, as a school. Here is the link again.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VdBNecWUc1>

Upcoming dates for your diary:

14.12.22 EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunches
15.12.22 KS2 Christmas Lunches
16.12.22 KS2 Christmas Service at St John's Church
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
20.12.22 Whole School Christmas Songs to the parents on the playground at 2pm
21.12.22 to 4.1.23 Christmas Holidays

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

J. Cropper

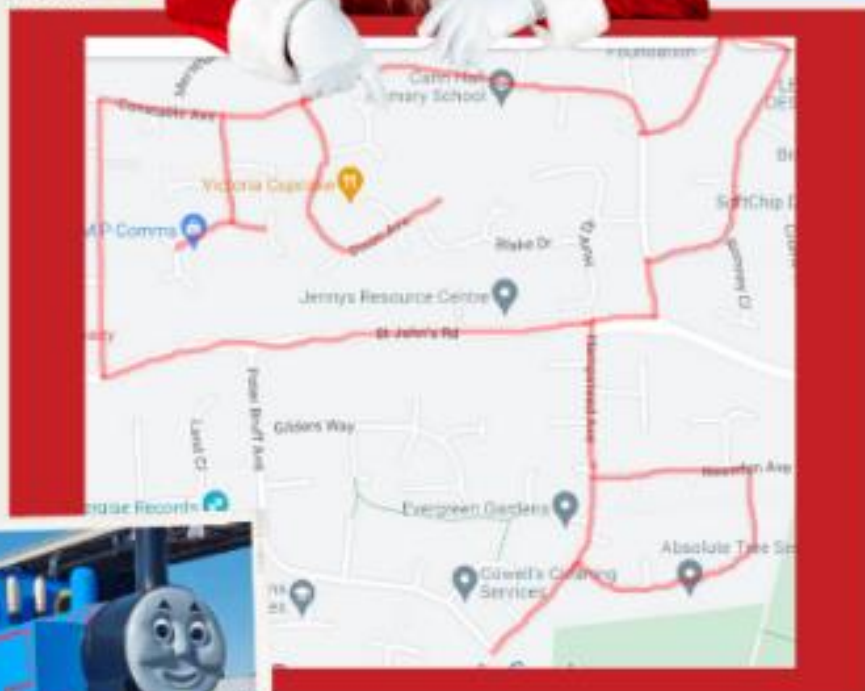
*Santa will be visiting this area
from 6pm on Wednesday 7th December
with the help of
Clacton Round Table and
Santa's Blue Tank Engine!*



ROUND TABLE



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*1st Christmas
visit in over a
decade!*

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