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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the Spring Term I would like to remind you of some of the curriculum enhancement activities the children have participated in since January. Some of these were funded by our PTFA and others funded by the school.

- Year 2 dancers performed at the CPRSSP Dance Festival at the Palace Theatre
- Key Stage One children participated in a Mindfulness Workshop
- Nursery children visited a pet shop
- All children experienced a story telling workshop during Book Week
- All Reception and Key Stage One children have attended Beach Schools sessions
- Waterside Farm swimming teachers came in to speak to the children about water safety
- Selected children participated in the Key Stage 1 racquets festival
- School councillors attended a multi-schools council meeting
- Year 2 choir children represented the school at the Infant Music Festival
- Reception and Key Stage 1 children were amazing at a Skipping Workshop
- Community Police Officers joined the children for lunchtime play
- We all enjoyed a week of science where the children participated in a variety of experiments and investigations
- Reception children learned to ride a 2-wheeled bicycle with the help of Hadleigh Cycles
- PTFA held another successful year of their Mother's Day Gift and Wrap.
- Reception children learned the importance of dental hygiene with the help of the community dental team
- All children invited their parents into school to work on Spring themed craft activities

Offsite visits

As transport costs have escalated over recent years, the decision has been made that there will be no offsite visits this summer. Instead, we have arranged for visitors to come into school which will reduce the voluntary contributions we will need to request from parents.

- Gemma's Farm will be coming into school for Reception and Nursery. Gemma's Farm have visited the school before and the children loved finding out about a variety of animals.
- Year 1 will be Victorians for the day. 'History off the Page' will be coming into school and the children will experience 'life in the big house' where they will be preparing for a visit from Queen Victoria.
- Year 2 will be forensic scientists with a visiting workshop, as well as taking part in outdoor problem-solving activities with Essex Outdoors.

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We are therefore requesting a contribution of £10 per child. This is considerably less expensive than an offsite visit but, if we are unable to cover the cost of these immersive experiences, we will need to cancel them for all children. Should you find any difficulty in contributing to this experience, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please complete and return the reply slip, along with your contribution, and return to your child's teacher by **9th May at the latest** so that we can confirm with the visitors.

Diary Dates for Summer Term

22 nd April – 2 nd May	TCS Mini London Marathon	Children will be invited to run, jog, walk or wheel 2 miles across the 2 weeks
1 st and 2 nd May	INSET days	School closed to all children
7 th May	Reception dental screening	
14 th May & 15 th May	SCARF workshops	
14 th May	Year 2 speed awareness with Canvey Police Officers	
2 nd June	Key Stage 1 '3 tees' festival	Selected children
3 rd June	Class photos for all children	
5 th June	Year 1 Victorian day	
10 th June	Nursery and Reception Gemma's Farm	
11 th June	Year 2 forensic workshop	
10 th & 12 th June	PTFA Father's day gift and wrap	
16 th June	INSET day	School closed to all children
19 th June	Sports Day	
25 th June	Key Stage 1 Summer Games	Classes 3 & 4. Letter to follow.
26 th June	Multi-Schools council meeting	School councillors
27 th June	Year 2 speed awareness with Canvey Police Officers	
28 th June	PTFA Fun Day	All welcome. Choir and Dance invited to perform
3 rd July	Canvey Awards	Invited children
15 th July	Year 2 leaver's disco	
22 nd July	Last day of summer term	

Book Bags

We have recently replaced some of our storage units and, although the boxes are the same size, the housing units are slightly smaller. Therefore, please will you make sure your child's book bag is of a reasonable size. Typical book bags measure approximately w37cm x h32cm x d6.5cm. Please only allow your child to attach 1 key ring to their bag if they would like to make it easily identifiable. Thank you.

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Playground

We have received complaints about some children riding scooters on the playground before and after school. For the safety of both children and adults waiting on the playground, please remember that scooters and bikes should be kept at the front gates.

Communication

I am more than happy to speak with parents to discuss any issues concerning your child but, please note, I may not always be available immediately. To avoid a wasted journey, please make an appointment via the school office. Thank you.

Farewell

We are saying farewell to 2 members of staff this week. Mrs Gopee, one of our job-share teachers, is leaving us to take on a new role at a Forest School Nursery. We are very sorry to see her go and wish her the best of luck in her new job.

Mrs Walker, our Finance Manager, will be retiring at Easter, after 29 years at this school. She has been a huge asset to this school and has worked tirelessly to ensure our school finances are controlled effectively. Mrs Walker's commitment to this school has been outstanding and she will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Walker a happy and restful retirement.

...and finally

Wishing you all a very happy Spring break and we all look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington

Headteacher

Reply Slip

Child's name _____ Class _____

I enclose £10 contribution towards my child's immersive educational experience.

Signed _____

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