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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! The Christmas holiday flew by and here we are in 2025! The children have been so excited to be back, but have settled back into the school routine very well indeed.

Raffle winners

Our end of Autumn Term raffle was won by Isabelle's family (class 2). Sienna (class 1) and Maeve (Pebbles) won the Christmas sweetie jars. I hope you enjoyed the goodies. Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising.

Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is Back at Essex Libraries for Early Years and Primary Schools. This year, the theme is dragons, and children will complete a range of fun, interactive, literacy-boosting activities to earn stickers! Plus, they can enter the big prize draw for some amazing prizes. Children can sign up in any Essex Library, any time between Thursday 2 January 2025 and Saturday 22 February 2025. More information can be found on the [Essex Libraries](http://Essex Libraries website) website, or you can access the [digital promotion pack for schools](#) to help promote the challenge to families.

School Meals

Thursday 16th January is our census day, which means that our funding for the financial year 25/26 is determined. As the take up of school meals adds to our income, I urge you to offer your child a school meal, particularly on census day. A revised menu will be sent to you as soon as we receive it in school. Your child just needs to say 'school dinners' when the morning register is taken.

Punctuality and attendance

I am pleased to report that our overall attendance for the Autumn Term was a pleasing 96%. In an infant school, childhood illnesses are more common and we did have an outbreak of chicken pox, which prevented children from coming in to school. Just to remind you that it is a legal requirement to send your child to school for 190 days every school year, so please do not book holidays during term time as you may face legal action.

We do still have some children who are persistently late to school. Coming into school via the school office and then walking in to a class of busy children can be distressing for your child, so please make sure your child comes through the door by 8.45am. We will continue to monitor punctuality, so please do let me know if there is anything I can do to support you in getting your child to school on time.

Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership

I have been asked to promote 2 exciting new clubs for children aged 5-7 years. The CPRSSP works closely with Sport England and these highly subsidised clubs are starting specifically for children on Canvey Island.

- **Tennis for children** This will be held at King George V Playground, Poplar Road, Canvey, on Saturdays from 9am – 10am. There is a cost of £5 per session but the first two sessions are free. For more information please contact Leo Walker on 07954 755288 or emalileow2006@icloud.com

- **Canvey Cheer Squad** This will be held on Tuesdays at St Katherines primary school from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. The first hour is for beginners and the second hour is for children with intermediate skills. Until the end of January, the first 3 lessons are free, after that it is £5 per session. Please contact danielleturner94@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 22 nd January	Dance Festival at the Palace Theatre	Year 2 lunchtime dance club.
Friday 24 th January	Dance Festival performance to parents of children who participated	2.45pm in the School Hall.
Wednesday 29 th January	Phonics workshop for parents	9am in the School Hall. Letter to follow
Monday 3 rd February	Mindfulness workshop for Key Stage 1 children	Funded by the school
Monday 10 th February	Online safety workshop for parents	2.15pm in the School Hall Letter to follow
Friday 14 th February	Valentines Disco	Arranged by PTFA
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM	
Wednesday 26 th February	Beach Schools Class 1	Remember to send your child to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.
Monday 3 rd March	Start of Book Week with a storytelling workshop	Funded by PTFA
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Children come to school dressed as a storybook character.
Friday 7 th March	Wonderlicious Bars will be available after school. Who will find the golden tickets?	Arranged by the PTFA
Tuesday 11 th – Wednesday 13 th	Pebbles parent appointments	More information to follow
Tuesday 11 th March	Rec & KS1 Parent appointments	5pm – 7.30pm More information to follow
Wednesday 12 th March	Beach Schools Class 2	Remember to send your child to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.
	School Councillors to MSC meeting	Information letter to be sent after half term
	Key Stage 1 Racquets festival	Selected children will receive a letter nearer the time
Thursday 13 th March	Infant Music Festival	Choir children will receive more information nearer the time.
	Rec & KS1 Parent appointments	3.30pm – 6pm More information to follow
Friday 14 th March	Key Stage 1 Skipping workshop	Funded by PTFA
Monday 17 th March	Mathematics workshop for parents	2.15pm in the School Hall
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief day	More information to follow
Tuesday 25 th and Thursday 27 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Gift and Wrap	More information to follow

Wednesday 26 th March	Beach Schools Class 3	Remember to send your child to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.
Tuesday 1 st April	Reception Spring creative morning	Class 6 at 9am Class 5 at 10.15am
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 1 Spring creative morning	Class 4 at 9am Class 3 at 10.15am
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 2 Spring creative morning	Class 2 at 9am Class 1 at 10.15am
Friday 4 th April	Nursery Spring Sing Song and Craft morning	9.30am
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	Spring Holiday	

Communication

We endeavour to notify you of information and events with as much notice as possible. However, it is important that you check your emails regularly to enable you to keep up to date with what is going on in school. Please let Mrs Kiln know of any changes to your contact details.

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The Spring Term is always a short term and we have so much to fit in. Please do remember to keep an eye on your emails, the school website and Facebook page for information as it is released.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher