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Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe how fast the term is speeding by and now here we are racing towards the Christmas holiday!

Charity fundraising

Firstly, a huge **THANK YOU** for your generosity this term. We raised £229.24 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and £228.92 for Children in Need.

On Thursday 12th December, it is Christmas Jumper Day when we will be raising funds for Save the Children UK. Your child is invited to wear their favourite Christmas top or jumper, along with their uniform skirt/dress/trousers, and send in a donation for this worthy cause.

Curriculum enhancement

Apart from the usual timetable of learning, it has already been such a busy term with many curriculum enhancement opportunities provided for the children.

So far, we have had:

- Diwali dance workshops (Rec, Y1 and Y2)
- School Councillors representing the school at the Knightswick Centre act of Remembrance
- Key Stage One classes enjoying their Beach School experience
- Key Stage One participating in an anti-bullying workshop
- The whole school enjoying a session with a World of Stories storyteller
- Year 2 children participating in sports festivals at the Deanes School
- The Choir singing their little socks off at the Mayor's Christmas Concert
- Internet safety workshops (Rec, Y1 and Y2)
- Pantomime trip (Rec, Y1, Y2)
- Nursery Christmas Show and Craft Morning

Still to come:

- Reception Christmas concert – all other children will be watching their dress rehearsal
- Christmas craft mornings (Rec, Y1 & Y2)
- Whole School Sing-a-long

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Additionally, next week (9th – 13th), we will be participating in the Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership fun run, where we will aim to clock up as many miles as we can to reach the North Pole. If your children would like to bring a Santa hat into school, they can wear it whilst they are completing their laps. Take a look at this video that introduces the fun run. The children may recognise some of the coaches.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/1OFus6FD13o?feature=share>

Everyone will be exhausted by the end of term!

Lunchtime library

Miss Brown has started a lunchtime library club where the children can come in and share books. This is already proven very popular and the children have been loving reading with friends from other classes. To enhance this experience, we would like to offer the children different genres to read. Therefore, if you have any age appropriate comics, lego books or magazines that are no longer wanted, we would love to add them to our collection. Please drop them off into the school office and Miss Brown will put them in the library. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle

A very good friend of the school has donated a wonderful Christmas Hamper for us to offer as a raffle prize. Tickets will be sold for £1 a strip every day after school next week and will be drawn before the Christmas sing-a-long on the last day.

Parent Partnerships

As I have mentioned before, positive parent partnerships are very important to us. Our wonderful PTFA was set up for the benefit of the children and I am extremely grateful that they have helped to fund some of the enhancement opportunities your children have experienced this term. On behalf of the staff and children at Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery I would like to **THANK YOU** for everything you have done and for funding some of the curriculum enhancement experiences the children have enjoyed.

Communication

We aim to give you as much information as we can, without bombarding you. I have some parents say they do not get enough information, whilst other parents say we give too much information. I therefore try to strike a balance.

We are finding that many parents are not reading the letters we send out properly, which has resulted in so many questions being directed to the school office that have already been answered.

I therefore urge you to read all letters that are sent to you and check our website, before you bombard the school office. We do have a system that informs us if emails are not delivered and we check this carefully to make sure that everyone has received the information.

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We are also finding that there is a lot of mis-information flying about on WhatsApp and other Social Media. Please bear in mind that if information has not come directly from the school, it may not be completely accurate.

And finally, ...

On behalf of everyone here at Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, sending you Season's Greetings and wishing you a happy and healthy 2025.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher



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