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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring Term I just want to thank you for the support you continue to show. Our whole school community thrives on positive partnerships and I am truly grateful that parents and carers contribute to the success of this school.

Around 90% of parents met with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress and we couldn't believe how many of you came to the book fair. As I mentioned previously, so many children do not own a single book – that clearly isn't the case for the children that attend this school! We earned commission on the book sales which, along with your generous sponsored read/listen donations, amounts to a staggering £1652 in books.

As well as supporting this school, your generosity for charities is overwhelming. This year's donations for Comic Relief amounted to £270, which will go a long way in supporting families across the world. For example, £5 could provide a child with a disability in Kenya with essential equipment so they can go to school.

Parent Survey

At Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, we value the good partnerships we have with families. I will be very grateful if you would be good enough to complete this survey so that we can continue to improve and develop this school, for the benefit of all the children who attend. If you give your name at the end, you will be entered into a prize draw to receive a £20 Amazon voucher. <https://forms.office.com/e/fnkVJJ7xs7>

Cyber Security

It has been brought to my attention that there are some phishing emails being sent to parents that have not been sent by the school. A phishing email is a malicious email encouraging you to click on a link with the aim of collecting your details or downloading malicious code. Should you receive any emails from the school with a 'confidential document' attached, please do not open it and delete immediately.

Please also see the definitions below that refer to other ways scammers can access your data.

Smishing - a text message (SMS) to encouraging you to click on a link with the aim of collecting your details or transferring you to a fake website.

Vishing - an unsolicited telephone call to collect your details or defraud you.

Quishing - a fake QR code diverting you to a fake website or some other fraudulent link.

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Internet Safety

As we all know, technology is advancing all the time and it is now one of the biggest threats to children's safety. Adults can help children to stay safe by creating an environment in which they feel able to speak openly about things they have seen online and about concerns they may have.

This can be done by:

- Creating good internet habits
- Limiting screen time
- Avoiding devices at dinnertime/bedtime
- Talking and showing an active interest in what children are doing online

This article gives some excellent examples of how to protect your child from online strangers.

<https://www.cham.org/HealthwiseArticle.aspx?id=acm1936>

Driveway

As you are aware, the driveway is for authorised access only. Both schools are experiencing a large number of parents who are not adhering to school policy and are causing problems by parking inconsiderately, driving at speed and being extremely abusive to staff when challenged.

Therefore, after the Easter holiday, members of staff from both schools will be at the driveway gate and, if you do not have a current parking permit, you will not be allowed to enter.

Farewell

Many of you will know Miss Bibby who has been undertaking her Apprenticeship training at this school. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Bibby at the end of this week as she has successfully completed her training, with distinction, and will be moving onto pastures new. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Bibby for her commitment to the school – I really do not know how we are going to manage without her. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for the work she has done in the school and for the support she has given to your children. We all wish Miss Bibby the very best of luck for her future.

... and finally

Wishing you all a very happy Spring break and we all look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 15th April.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington

Headteacher

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