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Dear Parents and Carers

Spring has sprung and it is so lovely to see the bulbs, Mrs Moon planted, starting to pop up in the flower beds.

This is such a short half term but we have so much to cram in before the Easter bunny makes an appearance, so I apologise for the information overload.

### **Parent/Teacher meetings**

We start with parent meetings for the infant school children next week. You will have received an email with information about this, so remember to book an appointment if you would like to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

Nursery parents will have a chance to meet with your child's key worker on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> of March, so look out for more information about booking an appointment.

### **Book Week**

It is Book Week next week. During this week, the children will be enjoying a range of book related activities that will include a book cover hunt, sharing their favourite stories, writing stories and creative activities. Although World Book day is on Thursday, we will be celebrating this annual event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March by inviting your child to dress up either as their favourite story character, or they can be comfy and cosy and ready for a bedtime story in their favourite pyjamas. If your child would like to bring a storybook to school with their character in, or their favourite bedtime story, please make sure that it is clearly marked with their name.

Your child will have been given a World Book Day voucher that can be exchanged for a book (from a selection) or used as £1 towards any other book. The voucher can be used at major stores and at our Book Fair, which is from 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March, in the hall. Please note payment is by cash or via a QR code on the day.

Please do make use of this voucher as, alarmingly, research undertaken by the Literacy Trust has shown that around 1 in 5 children, aged 5 – 8 years, do not own a single book. This is so concerning because foundational reading skills, behaviours and attitudes are often being established at this age.

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We have been given the opportunity to raise much needed funds to purchase new books for our library and, at the same time, encourage a lifelong love for reading. This project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Bookworm's Boutique. The aim is for your child to spend as much time reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. A separate letter, sponsorship form and reading/listening log will go home with your child today.

### **Beach Schools**

Beach school sessions start again next week, with Class 1 going on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to dress your child appropriately. Please see Mrs Gopee's letter for dates for other classes.

### **Mother's Day Gift and Wrap**

Our PTFA will be organising Mother's Day gift and wrap sessions on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Gifts are £2.50 each, so if you would like your child to take part, please either send the money into school in a clearly marked envelope or scan the code on the leaflet in your child's bag. If you require any further information, please email [ptfa@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk) or see the PTFA Facebook page.

### **Comic Relief**

The next event to look out for is Comic Relief day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The children are invited to 'do something funny for money' and bring in a donation towards this worthwhile cause. They might wish to wear their clothes back to front or simply wear odd socks or a funny hat! Be as creative as you like but, please avoid face paint as this tends to irritate the children if left on all day, and it gets wiped everywhere! Please send any donations in with your child to give to their class teacher.

### **Infant Music Festival**

Our Year 2 choir will be taking part in the annual Infant Music Festival on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Mrs Bowery will send more information out to the choir children very soon.

### **Science week 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

Workshops with Science Professors have been arranged for Reception and Key Stage One.

### **Reception minibeast day**

This is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Class 5 parents are invited to join their children in the hall from 9am – 10am, Class 6 parents are invited from 10.15am – 11.15am. We would prefer that you do not bring other children to these workshops so please try to make other childcare arrangements, if possible.

### **Craft Fayre**

As part of the Art and DT curriculum, the children are currently working on a creation that they will be offering for sale on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, from 3pm. All proceeds will be used to purchase creative resources to enhance the children's learning.

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## Attendance Survey

Thank you to the 12 parents who took the time to complete the attendance and punctuality survey. As promised, names were entered into a prize draw and the lucky winner of the £20 Amazon voucher was Mrs Diss.

### ... and finally

“Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.”

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington

Headteacher

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