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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! The Christmas holiday flew by and here we are in 2024! The children have been so excited to be back, but have settled back into the school routine very well indeed.

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.

To get the new year off to a positive start, please note the following reminders.

School Meals

As you know, our new school meals provider TCS, started their service with us today. Here is the link to the new menu <https://www.canveyislandinfantschool.co.uk/lunch-menus/>

If your child has any dietary requirements, it is extremely important that you let us know so we can ensure they are given the correct food.

Punctuality and attendance

We strive to instil essential life skills and believe that good punctuality and attendance are crucial for a successful future. The doors are opened at 8.40am every morning, to enable the children to come into school and get settled before the register is taken. Should your child arrive after 8.45am, they will need to enter school via the school office and will be recorded as late. Arrivals after 9.30am are recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Children are legally required to be in school for 190 days each year, so if you are planning a family holiday, please arrange it during school holiday times or you could face a penalty notice.

Parking

As parking is limited in the location surrounding the school, please do try to walk to school to avoid congestion and to help keep the local area safe for the children. **No parking is permitted on the school site unless you have been given a parking permit.** If you do have a parking permit, please only park in the marked bays and make sure all children are beside you at all times.

School Uniform We believe that school uniform encourages a sense of belonging and helps to ensure that an appropriate standard of dress is maintained in school. Therefore, please make sure your child is wearing school uniform colours at all times, and remember that their PE kit must be school colours too.

Jewellery

Please note that for Health and Safety reasons, **at this school**, earrings or other jewellery must not be worn at all during school hours as children are involved in physical activity at times other than PE lessons. Physical activity constitutes playtimes, lunchtimes and outdoor activities in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One.

Should your child inadvertently come to school wearing jewellery, you will be contacted to come in to school and remove any jewellery worn, to enable your child to participate in physical activity during that day.

Please consider only having your child's ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday so that they are able to take them out when they come back to school in September.

If the newly pierced ears have not healed they must be covered with fabric plasters and the child will be excluded from all physical activity until such time they can be removed.

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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On behalf of all the staff at Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, I would like to wish you a very happy 2024 and to thank you, in advance, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

Learning is a journey, not a destination

