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Dear Parents and Carers

The second half of this Autumn Term is already flying by and it's hard to believe that we are now on the run up to Christmas.

Harvest

I would like to thank you for the generous donations you sent in for our Harvest Festival. All donations were taken to the food bank at St Nicholas Church, where they will be distributed to needy families in our community.

Diary Dates

I know you have already received the diary dates for this year, but please remember to check your emails regularly and, if you are a social media user, join the Official FaceBook group. All letters are uploaded to the school website, so please also check there.

<https://www.canveyislandinfantschool.co.uk/letters-to-parents/>

Coming up in the next few weeks we have:

- **6th – 9th November**

Parent/Teacher consultation meetings

Please remember to attend your appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. If you have not yet made an appointment, please see the email you will have received from Primary Site.

Nursery parents will meet with your child's Key Worker and the Class Teacher – please see Nursery window for dates and times.

- **Saturday 11th November at 10.50am – Act of Remembrance**

School Councillors will lay a poppy wreath in remembrance of those fallen during conflict, at a special service at Knightswick Centre. Everyone is welcome to join us.

- **13th – 17th November**

Anti-Bullying Week

'Bullying is usually defined as behaviour that is repeated and/or intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally'. (Gov.UK, 2023).

At Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, we work hard to ensure that all children are kind to each other and develop into respectful, responsible and resilient citizens. Regular assemblies are held that address the issue of bullying and children are usually very receptive to the messages given. Key Stage One children (classes 1, 2, 3 and 4) will participate in a workshop delivered by One Day Creative where they will be working with the 'Anti-Bullying Space Agency'.

- **Wednesday 15th November**

Class 1 Beach Schools Session

Please remember to send you child to school with appropriate clothing.

- **Friday 17th November - Children in Need day**

Children are invited to wear spots to school and make a donation to help us to raise lots of money for needy children across the country. No uniform is required on this day – just lots of spots! We will be attempting Joe Wicks' challenge for each class to complete 1000 Bearpees across the day. We are hoping to exceed last year's donations of £240, so please dig deep and send your donations in with your child.

- **20th – 23rd November**

National Road Safety Week (Brakes, the Road Safety Charity).

During this week, the School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator, along with our 'lollipop lady' Liz, will be joining us for a special assembly about road safety.

Unfortunately, Reception Road safety workshops were unavailable this week so these will be on 4th December for classes 5 & 6.

- **Monday 27th November**

INSET day – school and Nursery closed for children

- **Thursday 30th November - Nursery and Reception children Winter Fayre**

See PTA letter

- **Friday 1st December - Key Stage 1 children Winter Fayre**

See PTFA letter

Coats and hats

There are still children coming into school without a coat. The playground can be mighty chilly at times so please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat **that they can do up themselves**. It is fine to send in hats, scarves, gloves etc but **please write your child's name on everything**. You would not believe how many items of clothing we take to the charity shops because they do not have names in.

Online access

We have noticed that some children are referring to characters they have seen, and are playing games related to online videos and games they have accessed. Some of the content they talk about is extremely graphic and not at all age appropriate. Please make sure you closely monitor the content your children have access to. For more information, please see the following guidance. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/>

And finally, ...

Whatever you are planning this weekend, I wish you a safe and enjoyable time, particularly if you are going to be watching fireworks.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

Learning is a journey, not a destination