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Dear Parents and Carers

I am very excited to inform you that Canvey Island Infant School will be starting Beach School lessons.

Beach School lessons are outdoor learning sessions that take place on the beach. They are lessons which not only enhance our curriculum, but also allow the children to build on their independence, resilience, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The children will walk to and from Thorney Bay Beach where the lessons will take place.

To ensure that the children get as much out of the sessions as possible, classes will be split into two groups, with half the class attending the beach in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.

Below are the proposed dates for the rest of the Autumn Term.

Date	Time	Session Times
18.10.23	Class 2	am – The children will leave school after their RWI phonics session and will return before lunch. Children will have their snack on the beach.
15.11.23	Class 1	
22.11.23	Class 3	
06.12.23	Class 4	pm – The children will leave after the register and return before the end of the school day.

It is the Beach School's philosophy that 'There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing'. Therefore, we ask that on your child's beach school's visit day they are dressed appropriately for the weather e.g., raincoat, hat, gloves etc. We also ask that your child brings in either wellies or trainers to change into before they head to the beach. However, if the weather is too bad, the Beach Schools session will be rescheduled.

I am sure you will agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for your child but if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Katie Gopee  
Class Teacher and Beach Schools Practitioner

*Learning is a journey, not a destination*