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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another school year I would like to remind you of the last few events we have planned.

Sports Day

Our annual sports afternoon is scheduled for tomorrow (Tuesday 4th), weather permitting; gates open at 1.45pm and events will start at 2pm. The PTFA will be selling refreshments from 1.45pm and there will be hotdogs and burgers available from 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to join us to cheer the children on, who will be aiming to win team points for the chance to be the ultimate winners with the most points this term. A HUGE thank you to Miss Maynard for interrupting her maternity leave to get everything ready for this event.

Canvey Awards

On Tuesday 4th July, I will have the privilege of presenting three of our wonderful children a special achievement award at the annual Canvey Awards Ceremony. One child from each year group in every school on Canvey Island is recognised for their outstanding achievements. This year, our winners are Billy in Reception, Daisy in Year One and Jude in Year 2. Congratulations to our very worthy winners.

Summer Production

Next week, the children will be performing 'Treasure Island' where the Year 2 children are the actors and narrators, whilst all other children are the choir. As the whole school will be in the hall at once, I am sure you will appreciate that we must limit audience numbers. Therefore, you may purchase **up to 2 tickets per family**. These are on sale from 3pm every day from the School Office.

You can, of course, film and take photographs, but please bear in mind that images of children other than your own must not be published on social media for safeguarding reasons. Pre-school children are welcome, but please do take them out if they become unsettled. As space will be extremely limited, please leave pushchairs under the canopy adjacent to the hall. Thank you.

Tea-towels

Thank you to those of you who ordered a Coronation tea-towel. The order has been placed and I am expecting delivery very soon.

Reports

Teachers have been busy writing your child's end of year report. These will be handed to the children on Monday 10th July. If your child is not in school on that day, the report will be held in school and given to your child when they return. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their report, please make an appointment. The school will be open from 3.30pm – 5pm on Wednesday 19th July for you to come in and see your child's work. You will also be able to meet your child's new Year 1 or Year 2 teacher, if you wish.

Year 2 Leavers

We are looking forward to seeing the children celebrate the end of key Stage One at their Leaver's Disco. This has been organised by the PTFA and is on Tuesday 18th July.

All Year 2 children will be given a leaver's t-shirt that they may wear to school on their last day on Friday 21st.

At 3pm on Friday 21st, the gates to the back field will be open and the Year 2 children will sing their leavers song just before the end of the school day. This is usually an emotional time, so don't forget your tissues.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our current Year 2 children the best of luck in the Junior School.

Pebbles Graduation

Our second cohort of Nursery leavers will be moving on to 'big school' at the end of term. Some of them will be joining the Infant School in September; others will be going to different schools. Which ever school they go to, I wish them lots of luck as they continue their learning journey.

Staff changes

We have two members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Eden, our highly valued SENDCo, will be moving on to new adventures at different settings after spending time with her family. Nadine joined the team in October 2016 and has worked diligently to ensure that our SEND provision is the best it can be. Mrs Eden will be a great loss to the school, but I am pleased to tell you that, when she returns to school following her maternity leave, Miss Maynard will take over the SENDCo role, which will be in addition to her Deputy Headteacher duties. In the meantime, SEND provision will continue in school and a consultant SENDCo will be on hand to support with paperwork.

Miss Davies, our Nursery Practitioner, will be moving to a new Day Nursery in September. When Pebbles opened in 2021, Eleanor was one of our first ever Nursery staff and has worked tirelessly to make Pebbles the success it has become. The recruitment process is underway and I will let you know who the successful candidate is as soon as they are appointed.

I am sure you will join me in wishing both Nadine Eden and Eleanor Davies every success for their future.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our Parent Survey. 76 responses were received, around 52%, the overwhelming majority of which were extremely positive. All comments have been taken on board and I will do my best to address any issues you mentioned. Should you ever have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me, as I cannot do anything about something I am unaware of. You can contact me via the school office, details are at the top of this letter. There is also a suggestion box in the Office reception area, should you wish to use it.

The lucky winner of a £20 Amazon voucher was Miss Jeffrey, a class 1 parent.

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Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at one of the events mentioned above.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher